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THE STOCK TRANSFER TAX STAMPS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

By CHARLES S. THOMPSON, *Asst. Curator, Southwest Museum.*

During the early '90's, the business of the New York Stock Exchange slumped badly, as a consequence of the prevailing hard times, and it was not until 1897 that business reached the enormous volume that has since, with the exception of a few short periods, been maintained. In spite of this stupendous amount of financial operating, apparently this business did not attract the attention of political economists as a source of possible public income for a considerable period. Finally, however, in 1904, the politicians having caught up with the economists, an act was passed which imposed a tax on all sales, or agreements to sell, or memoranda of sales of stock, and upon any and all transfers of shares or certificates of stock, in any domestic or foreign association, company, or corporation.

The law was framed so that assignment in blank, by delivery, or by any agreement, paper, or memorandum, to insure delivery of the stock, was held to be evidence of sale. Taxation was fixed at 2c per $100 face value, except in cases where no value was indicated, when the rate was fixed at two cents per share.

Payment of the tax was to be indicated by affixing stamps of the required denominations either to the books of the corporation making the sale, or in the case of surrendered certificates, to the document itself. Records of sales must be preserved for two years.

The preparation of the required stamps, which must be adhesives, and their denominations, is delegated to the State Comptroller, who also decides when new issues and designs are to appear. But when he considers taking this momentous step, it is necessary for him to advertise the fact once a week, for three months, in one or more papers, in every first- and second-class city in the State!

The law went into effect in 1905, and the earliest date I have been able to find on the first issue is January 4, 1905. As this date fell on Wednesday, it is certain that the date of January 3 can also be found. January 2, however, was a holiday, as New Year's Day fell on Sunday, consequently January 3 should be the date of the earliest use of these stamps.

It must not be supposed that the imposition of this tax was regarded with favor, and the stamps of the first issue are often found bearing portions of a rubber-stamp inscription to the effect that the tax was paid under protest. But as in the case of other tax remonstrances, the money was paid, and kept, for the law contained the following provision, which, with the rest of the statute, was upheld by the courts:

§278. *Effect of Failure to Pay Tax.*—"No transfer of stock made after June 1, 1905, on which a tax is imposed by this article, and which tax is not paid at the time of such transfer, shall be made the basis of any action or legal proceedings, nor shall proof thereof be offered or received in evidence, in any court in this state."

The sale of stamps is limited to regularly appointed agents of the Comptroller, to National Banks, and to corporations organized under the banking law of New York, and either sale or purchase for less than face is a misdemeanor.

The law requires that stamps shall be cancelled with initials and date, and punched as well, and the majority of specimens indicate an undue diligence in this respect. Most specimens are principally cancellation and punch-holes, the favorite apparently being one about 3/16" in diameter, though perforated initials, diamonds, stars, and other designs are found occasionally.

From the inauguration of the impost of transfers of stock, it must have been apparent to the authorities that attempts would be made to evade payment by re-using stamps. Severe penalties have been prescribed for such offenses, but nevertheless, the stamps have been used twice in a good many cases without detection, except, perhaps, by collectors who have noticed the fraud in preparing stamps for their collections.

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					6900					
	1	2	3	4	5 A	6 .	7 A	8	9	10 A
	11	12 A	13 A	14 A	15 A	16 A	17 A	18	19	20
	21	22 A	23	24 B·C	25 B	26 B·F·D·E	27 A·E	28	29 A	30
	31	32 A	33 A	34	35 A	36	37 B·G·H·I C·J·K·L	38 E·B·I·H	39 A	40 A
6900	41	42	43	44 A	45 A	46 A	47 A·E	48 A·E	49 M	50 A·C
	51	52	53	54	55 A	56 A·E·D	57 A	58	59 B·E·L·H K·C·J·I	60 A
	61	62	63	64 A	65	66 B·E	67 B·E·H	68 A·E	69 A·E·D	70
	71	72	73	74	75	76 A	77 A·E·L·N H·F·C	78 A	79	80
	81	82	83	84	85	86 A	87 B·E·H·C J	88 A	89 A	90 A
	91	92	93	94 A	95	96 B·E·H·I·L N·C·J·K	97 A·E·H·F	98	99	100 A

A—Faint single line bottom of frame under bust.
B—Plain single line bottom of frame under bust.
C—Single line inside top of lower flag of both 2's.
D—Single line inside top of lower flag of right 2.
E—Double lines shading in coat.
F—Single line in upper right of ball of left 2.
G—Double horizontal lines of shading all through head and coat.
H—Single horizontal line under triangles below bust.
I—Single horizontal line through top of cents.
J—Single line in upper right of ball of both 2's.
K—Single line top of right 1.
L—Single line under CENTS frame.
M—Triple transfer showing in lines of shading in coat and frame under bust.
N—Single line under stamp frame showing plainer at left.

tion with stamps. This consists in impressing upon the face of the stamps a gum-varnish, very sensitive to water, and surcharging over this the figure of value of the stamp in aniline colors, which are unmordanted, and of extreme susceptibility to humidity.

But in spite of all precautions, some impecunious stock brokers have used stamps more than once, for after all, steaming or warming will soften the gum on the back of almost any stamp, and these are not exceptions. This is also the only practicable way for the collector to remove these stamps from the "original cover"; otherwise he is likely to have a more or less indeterminate smear of colors, whose effect is hardly pleasing, as it is absolutely certain that the surcharge will "run" if moisture comes in contact with the face of the stamp.

To date there have been seven issues of these interesting fiscals, though but three types have been used. Type I was used for the issues of 1905 and 1906. Size, 23 x 31 mm. Coat-of-arms of New York above, in circle, with "State of New York" above, and "Stock Transfer Tax" below, in colorless capitals. Below the design is the figure of value, in scrolls, with the word of value below the figure. There is a conventional foliate ornament in each corner

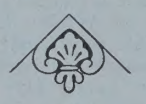
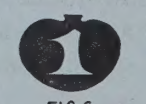

FIG. 1.


FIG. 2.


FIG. 3.


FIG. 4.


FIG. 5.


FIG. 6.

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First Issue, January, 1905.

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No. 1 2c black.
2 4c brown.
3 10c green.
4 20c orange.
5 50c brown, plain ornaments in corners. (Type I.)
6 50c brown, double-lined ornaments. (Type II.)
7 $1 ultramarine.
8 $2 carmine, plain ornaments, double-lined figure. (Type I.)
9 $2 carmine, plain ornaments, figure unlined. (Type II.)
10 $2 carmine, double-lined ornaments, figure plain. (Type III).
11 $10 violet.
12 $20 olive.

Second Issue, October, 1906.

Perf. 14. Wove Paper, Wmk. NEW YORK, mult. Surcharged with Aniline Figure. 13.5 mm. High.

No. 13 2c gray-black (F).
14 2c greenish-grey (F).
15 4c brown (F).
16 10c green (F).
17 20c orange (F).
18 50c brown (ornaments double lined) (F).
19 $1 ultramarine, fancy figure of value (F).
20 $1 ultramarine, plain figure of value (F).
*21 $2 carmine (F).
*22 $2 carmine (M).
23 $10 violet (F).
24 $20 olive (F).

* Both $2 are of the third type with pl. fig. and d. l. orn.

F. indicates that the surcharge is Acid-Fuchsine, M. that it is Malachite-Green. It is stated that several values of this issue were issued without the aniline figure, but this Messrs. Quayle & Son, who engraved and printed the stamps, deny. In view of the fact that the surcharge is easily removed, particularly with ammonia, it is not necessary to discuss unsurcharged copies further.

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EDITORIAL.

Delayed—We are interested in the following letter and clipping that have been sent to us by Mr. J. B. Childs, Champaign, Illinois: "Enclosed is a clipping from the St. Louis *Republic* of October 24, 1916, which may be of some interest to readers of the WEEKLY. I tore the item out of the daily paper while I was down in St. Louis but was unable to find it later. Recently I came across the clipping, and here it is. It would be rather interesting to have some further details of the counterfeiting scheme." The clipping is headed, "Confesses to Stamp Fraud" and reads: "Charles F. Watson, a saloonkeeper from Centralia, Ill., who was being tried in the United States District Court yesterday for conspiracy to manufacture counterfeit two cent stamps in a St. Louis printing shop, pleaded guilty in the midst of the trial and was sentenced by Judge Dyer to two years in Leavenworth Penitentiary and fined $1,000." We are making an effort to secure some further and definite information on the case and any details from readers will be helpful. We remember the celebrated case in Chicago over twenty years ago that led to the decision to issue our stamps on watermarked paper. The counterfeiter, Jones, forged the two cent stamp on a large scale and with just a suggestion of success, and though Chicago was the scene of his "plant", Jones was arrested in Buffalo and tried at Auburn, New York, where he received a penitentiary sentence. The evidence was worked up against Jones by Captain Porter of Chicago who subpœnaed a number of Chicago stamp folks for the prosecution, and said witnesses who are living have not forgotten that eventful trip. We may add that the Chicago counterfeit, as it is known, is greatly desired by the specialist for his collection.

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Dear—An announcement has been made that has attracted the eye of the philatelist. It is to the effect that a postal service open to the general public will be maintained by the submarine merchantmen, Deutschland and sister ships, between Germany and the United States. A charge of forty-eight cents or two marks will be made for post cards and letters addressed to Germany up to twenty grams weight. Double rate will be asked for letters weighing from 20 to 40 grams and triple postage rate for those from 40 to 60 grams, the maximum. To be acceptable for transportation, the international rate of postage must be represented by stamps. Just what the treatment of the mail will be on the sub, we do not venture to predict, but there will be interesting markings to the philatelic mind and while our imagination does not picture stamps to rate the extra postage, yet, who may say that they are not a possibility. Meantime, the newspaper commentators all hark back to pony express or pioneer days to find a parallel of the high rates, but which certainly seem to be reasonable enough.

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Duits—From Mr. P. Vogelaar, Salt Lake City, Utah, we have received an instructive account of the meaning of the notice in Dutch on one of the labels of the Dutch East Indies, whose inscription was listed in our dictionary of philatelic terms (now well started in the A's). "The translation of 'Aangebracht per Land-Mail. Te betalen port——— duiten. Batavia' is: 'Brought to Batavia by Land-Mail. To pay for postage due———duits', 'Duits' were used in Holland before 1849. In 1845, the making of the money under the present system was started and so, the duits soon were obsolete. At present there is but one mint in Holland which is in Utrecht, but before 1840, there were mints in big cities such as Amsterdam, Middelburg, Nymegen, Leeuwarden, Zolle, Utrecht, etc., and every city made its own money. When the making of the new money started the duits were out of fashion, except some duits of Utrecht which were saved by some of the old ladies, who superstitiously supposed them to be a remedy for headache! At present there are people in Holland who speak of a 'four-duit' by which they mean a large piece of copper money having a value of 2½c in Dutch money. I enclose herewith two duits, one of the province of Zealand (made in Middelburg in 1727) and one of the city of Utrecht (1756) so that you may see what a duit looks like."

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Deluge—To quote with accustomed editorial freedom, we were simply inundated by a wave of letters telling us about Allen's City Despatch in consequence of an omission under that head in our phaliatelic dictionary. Of course, having written a good many columns on Allen's City Despatch in years past and having some of the used copies of this Chicago local in our collection, it is odd how the omission was not corrected, but at any rate, we are pleased that so many readers know of the Chicago origin of Allen's Despatch and have brought us to book so neatly.

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Direct—From Manila, Philippine Islands, Mr. C. E. Doty informs us: "Canceling machines have been installed in the Manila postoffice and it will now be possible to get occasionally a lightly canceled stamp of the lower denominations. As long as the ink holds out, it will continue to be difficult to get any of the higher denominations with reasonable cancellations. Probably in no other place in the world is ink used so lavishly for canceling; and even the foreign mail when received, is often treated the same way. I have seen large blocks of Chinese, Japanese and British Colonials, which had been lightly canceled in the home office, smeared all over with ink after arriving in the Manila office. The few stamps enclosed will give you an idea of the ability of the Filipinos to punish a postage stamp. I have added a page to my album; it is of badly canceled stamps of the Philippine Islands." Occasionally, a clerk here will indulge in an ink orgy, but the Filipino stampers seem to go on protracted daubing sprees.

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Detached—We have seen a set of the 1895, issue of Mexico, 1c to 10p, inclusive, beautifully printed in black. The stamps are on the watermarked paper and are perforated and gummed. According to a notice that accompanied the set, it was printed "in 1895, by the Diaz government for the exclusive use of the diplomatic corps and the 'deputies'." "Deputies" on occasion may cover a multitude of meanings. The stamps have the appearance of finished proofs, but any information about them will be welcome.

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Data—From Mr. Henry B. Phillips, San Francisco, who for so many years has been the most representative philatelist on the coast, the following interesting observations have been received: "I most heartily approve your editorial in the issue of December 9th, 1916, advocating the recording of the history of stamp collecting before the time has passed when it will be possible to obtain much of the information. I know of no better function of your paper than the evolution of this work. I have had such work in mind for the Pacific Coast for a long time; this will be found especially bound up with the subject of Western Franks, because in the early days, almost all business correspondence and the majority of private correspondence, was carried on through the medium of the various express companies. The burning of San Francisco in 1906, however, has proved an almost insurmountable obstacle for me to overcome. With the idea of preservation in mind as related to the history of the oldest philatelic society on this coast, the Pacific Philatelic Society, I issued the enclosed call in August, 1915. The results are steadily coming and every scrap as it comes is placed in an historical album of the society from which many side lights radiate, which would be of assistance to the general purpose of your undertaking; in this way, I hope at least, to preserve the facts." On the card all printed references to the society are solicited, especially those antedating the fire of 1906, by Mr. Henry B. Phillips, 16 California Street, San Francisco, California, in behalf of the society."

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This gentleman used adlet space for a number of weeks to the great regret of the publishers of the WEEKLY as well as several of our subscribers. P. E. Strickland and Jos. V. K. Wells are the latest victims of this party's operations. As indicated in a recent number, we require no references in connection with these small advertisements, but we can assure our subscribers that any foreign dealer using this department in the future will come to us well recommended.

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CHAPTER XXX.

The Postage Due Stamps.

Like most other countries Canada managed to collect the postage due on insufficiently prepaid mail matter for many years without the use of special stamps for the purpose. About 1906 it dawned on the Post Office Department that the use of special stamps would simplify matters and place the collection of monies due on a more systematic basis. Consequently a circular was issued to postmasters, under date of June 1st, 1906, advising them that postage due stamps would be issued and must, for the future, be used in collecting insufficient postage. The salient points from this circular are given by Mr. Howes as follows:—

Commencing on the 1st July, 1906, the present system of collecting unpaid postage will be discontinued and thereafter the following arrangements will supersede the regulations now in force:—

(1) The Department will issue a special stamp which will be known as the "POSTAGE DUE" stamp and on delivery of any article of mail matter on which unpaid or additional postage is to be collected the Postmaster will affix and cancel as ordinary stamps are cancelled, postage due stamps to the amount of the extra postage charged on such article.

(2) The short paid postage must be collected from the addressee before postage due stamps are affixed; otherwise the Postmaster is liable to lose the amount of such postage.

(3) Postmasters will obtain postage due stamps on requisition to the Department but the initial supply will be furnished without requisition, so that the new system may go into operation on the date above mentioned. When a new form is ordered "postage due" stamps will be included in the printed list, but it is proposed to use the stock on hand at present which would otherwise have to be destroyed. The denominations of the new stamps will be 1, 2 and 5 cents.

In his Report for 1906 the Postmaster-General refers to the new innovation as follows:—

A system of accounting for short paid postage collected by Postmasters, by means of special stamps known as "Postage Due" stamps, has been adopted by the Department. These stamps are to be affixed to shortpaid mail matter and cancelled by Postmasters when such matter is delivered to the addressee, and are not to be used for any other purpose. They cannot be used for the payment of ordinary postage, nor are they to be sold to the public.



These stamps are of special design and though of the same size as the regular postage stamps the design is printed the longer way so that in general appearance they are greatly different. The design has, as its centerpiece, a large uncolored numeral on an eight-sided tablet. Above is CANADA and below is the word CENT while at the sides are elaborate scroll ornaments. Across the base the words POSTAGE DUE are shown in bold uncolored capitals while the balance of the design consists of an engine-turned groundwork.

They are printed from line-engraved plates in sheets of one hundred, as usual. In the centre of the top margin is the imprint, "OTTAWA", followed by the plate number. Mr. Howes states that plate 1 is known for all three values and plate 2 for the 2 cent only.

Reference List.

1906. Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co., Ottawa. No wmk. Perf. 12.

106. 1c dull violet. Scott's No. 126.
107. 2c dull violet. Scott's No. 127.
108. 5c dull violet, Scott's No. 128.

CHAPTER XXXI.

The "Officially Sealed" Labels.

Although "officially sealed" labels cannot by any stretch of the imagination be considered as postage stamps or, indeed, of having any philatelic significance yet they are collected by many, in common with adhesive registered labels, as having an interest owing to the fact that they are visible evidence of one phase of the working of the post office. The "officially sealed" labels used by the Canadian Post Office seem to have been first recorded in the latter part of 1879. The first type consists of a rectangular label, measuring about 25½ by 38 mm. on which the words "OFFICIALLY SEALED" are shown straight across the centre. Above this, in a curve, is the inscription "POST OFFICE CANADA", while below, in a similar curve, is "DEAD LETTER OFFICE". The border consists of a handsome piece of engine-turned engraving. These labels were normally perforated 12 but they are also known entirely imperforate. Much misconception existed as to the use of these labels until Major E. B. Evans, when visiting Canada in 1889, took the opportunity of finding out exactly for what they were used. The results of his investigations were published in the *Philatelic Record* for November, 1889, and as the article is full of interest we need make no apology for reproducing it *in extenso*:—

When I was in Canada last July I made special enquiries about these labels, as there appeared to be some mystery about their use. Everyone agreed that they were not placed upon *all* letters opened at the Dead Letter Office and returned to their senders, and no two persons seemed to have quite the same theory as to the rules for their employment or non-employment in any particular case. Even gentlemen connected with the Post Office at Halifax, such as Mr. King and others, could give me no definite information. I therefore determined to see what I could do at headquarters in Ottawa.

Fortunately, I was able, through a collector in an official position, to obtain an introduction to the Deputy Postmaster-General, who most kindly gave me the following particulars, which show that the employment of the *officially sealed* labels is very restricted, thus accounting for their rarity.

Letters in Canada, as in the United States, very frequently have on the outside the well-known notice containing the address of the sender, and a request that the letter may be returned if not delivered within a certain time. These, of course, are not

Honduras

1911, 50c brown, No. 284, unused .... .30
1p olive green, No. 285, unused .65
10c blue, No. 289, unused ..... .25
6c ultramarine, No. 288, unused .30
50c brown, No. 291, unused ..... .30
1913, 20 on 50c brown, No. 298, unused .40
1c brown, No. 301, unused ..... .03
2c carmine, No. 302, unused .... .05
6c purple, No. 305, unused ..... .13
1912, 5 on 1c violet, No. 145 ..... .10
5 on 10c blue, No. 146 ..... .12
6 on 1c violet, No. 148 ..... .15
1913, 5 on 2c carmine, No. 160 ..... .13
5 on 6c violet, No. 161 ..... .20
10 on 6c violet, No. 163 ..... .30
10 on 6c violet, No. 164 ..... .30
10 on 2c carmine, No. 162 ..... .30
1915, 5 on 10c brown, No. 173 ..... .35
1914, 10c brown, No. 170 ..... .05
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1873, No. 2b, 3c 2.25
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1885, No. 12, 15c ..... .15
1892, Nos. 22 and 22a ..... .15
1898, No. 34 ..... .08
1898, No. 35 ..... .08
1902, Nos. 44 to 48 ..... .12
1909, No. 62 ..... .06
1911, No. 64 ..... .15
1912, No. 70 ..... .04
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opened at the Dead Letter Office, and in fact, I think, are ordered not to be sent there, but are returned direct from the office to which they were originally addressed or from the head office of the district. On the other hand, those that have no indication of the address of the sender on the outside are sent to the Dead Letter Office, and there necessarily opened; but neither of these classes thus properly dealt with is considered to require the *officially-sealed label.* It is only if one of the former class, having the sender's name and address on the outside, is sent to the Dead Letter Office and there opened in *error* that the *officially-sealed* label is applied, to show that such letter has been opened officially, and not by any unauthorized person. Whether these pieces of gummed paper ever had a more extended use or not I cannot say, but I was assured that the above was the substance of the regulations as to their employment.

The Deputy Postmaster-General further stated that there had been so many requests for specimens of these labels that the Department had been obliged to make it a rule to turn a deaf ear to all of them. In any case they are not *postage stamps,* properly speaking, at all. They indicate neither postage paid nor postage due, but simply that the letters to which they are attached have been opened by proper authority, and they at the same time afford a means of reclosing them.

About 1905 a label of new design was introduced, this, of course, being the work of the American Bank Note Company. These are larger than their predecessors and are very handsome labels. In the centre is an excellent portrait of Queen Victoria, adapted from the "Law Stamps" of 1897, with "CANADA" in heavy uncolored Roman capitals curved above, and, at the top, the words "OFFICIALLY SEALED" in letters so graded that the tops form a straight line, while the bottoms follow the curve of "CANADA". Under the portrait the words "DEAD LETTER" are shown on a straight label which extends right across the stamp, while below this is the word "OFFICE" on a curved tablet. The spaces at the sides and the bottom are filled with elaborate foliate ornaments and engine-turned work. These labels are also perforated 12 and exist on two kinds of paper. Until about 1907 the paper was of a pale blue color while subsequent printings have been on ordinary white paper.

Reference List.

1879. **Engraved and printed by the British American Bank Note Co.**
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UNITED STATES.—James L. Angle submits a very interesting copy of the 1c current issue with offset on back, impression being so received that portions of two stamps show instead of the full design as is occasionally seen.

John H. Feeman shows us a copy of the 5c Certificate stamps of the Civil War issue, of the "creased paper" variety, the fold in the paper measuring three millimeters in width.

BAVARIA.—*New England Stamp Monthly* says, "We have just learned that a special series of official stamps, replacing the ordinary stamps perforated with an "E", was issued by Bavaria on August 1st, consisting of 3, 5, 7½, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 60 pfennig and 1 mark values. They are of oblong design showing the royal coat-of-arms with supporters."

CANADA.—It is likely that in the near future there will be another change in the "1Tc" stamps, as the present "brown" stamps are difficult to distinguish from the 10c of the regular issue in artificial light.

A 4c value of the inland revenue set has appeared according to the Canada Stamp Co., of Hamilton, Ont. It is printed in dark blue and is in the same design as the other values already chronicled. No reason has been assigned for the issue of this value.

HAYTI.—Robert A. Wilson advises us that this country has put in use a new surcharged stamp, being the 10c of the 1904 series, surcharge 1c in blue. He further states, "I think this issue is very limited. In looking over about 10,000 surcharges in the bank here, I found one double surcharge and no inverted ones.

1916, 1c on 10c, blue surcharge type A 18.

NAURU.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us copies of the new set surcharged NAURU on stamps of Great Britain.

RUSSIA.—This country is about to issue four provisional stamps, according to *Stamp Collecting.* The 7k of 1908 and the same value of the Romanoff series will be surcharged "10" and the 14k of the same sets is to be overprinted "20". The increase of the inland postal rate from 7k to 10k is responsible for the change as the 7k and 14k are now but little used.

SAMOA.—J. A. Galbraith submits a cover showing the 2½d of New Zealand, King George type, surcharged "SAMOA" in red, which replaces the scenic type heretofore used.

TRANSVAAL.—M. H. J. de Crane calls our attention to the fact that he has in his possession a 1 penny No. 248 in which the letters of the overprint show evidences of a very faulty impression. This, however, is not a very unusual thing in the surcharges on the stamps of this colony.

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With the scrap-book at hand, opened at "United States Postage," you carefully assort the stamps out into issues, already well familiarized, and spread them over the greater part of the dining room table. Then, beginning with the earliest, you refer to the remarks and notes in your scrap-book, as follows: 5c 1847 with dot in "S" of "U.S." and 10c 1847 shifted die, showing on left "P" and bottom lines. Not much chance of running across them in the lot before you, but well to keep them in mind. Then comes 1c 1851 shifted die, showing on "O" of "One," 3c 1851 ribbed paper and also watermarked, also a shift. And 12c of same issue with shift.

In the 1856-7 issue you look for the 1c, Type III on laid paper, and the 3c on laid paper, and for shifted dies of the 1c, 3c and 10c. The 2c black 1863 may reveal a double transfer, as also the 15c grilled. In the 1870-5 issues there is a 1c shifted die, a 3c cracked plate and a shifted die, and a 5c shifted die.

In the 1890 issue there are the 1c with extensions upward of ball ornaments at the base of each figure "1" and the 2c with caps.

The 1894 issue provides the famous Chicago counterfeit; the 2c Type III with no lines through right triangle; the 3c with broken "E" in "Three," the 5c with horizontal lines left of right triangle crossing white line around medallion, a stitch watermark on the 1c and a diagonal dash at bottom of left triangle on the 2c, Type III.

The Columbian issue gives you the two broken right frame lines of the 2c, several shifted dies, and capped 2, left and right; on the 4c a 4-lobed ornament instead of 3 above upper right 4; a 2-lobed ornament at left of upper left 4; and both 4's double-lined at top or capped. In the 1898 issue is the 10c double impression.

The Pan-American set shows the broken flag-staff varieties on the 1c.

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—If any of our subscribers have had unsatisfactory exchange relations with any dealer advertising in the WEEKLY, will they please report all the facts in the case? We are not always able to adjust such complaints, but there is one thing we can do, and that is prevent their recurrence.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from L. G. Snow, O. J. Olson, and W. J. Stanton.

—E. A. Southwick, Portland, Ore., has purchased the stock of the Fern Stamp Co., W. E. Wadsworth, manager, of the same city. Mr. Southwick claims to have one of the largest stamp stocks on the Pacific Coast, and our readers will no doubt hear from him.

—E. A. Southwick, 388 11th St., Portland, Ore., would like information in regard to Edw. Evans, formerly of Lykens, Pa., and Mrs. A. Calfkea, 2132 Pitkin Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Interested parties will write Mr. Southwick.

—The season's greetings from W. F. VanDusen consist of a card of particular interest to a stamp collector. Accompanying the inscription is an imitation stamp, in the center of which is a large figure 2 surrounded by sprigs of holly. The inscription upon the stamps reads "Merry Christmas 2 You", while a lower corner of the stamp is postmarked "And a Happy New Year."

—A landscape made out of postage stamps is pictured in the Rochester *Herald* of Dec. 26. The stamps used were principally the 5c France. The *Herald* goes on to say, "This bit of landscape was made from stamps of the Allied countries by a French soldier who was recovering from wounds in one of the army hospitals."—Clipping from JAS. L. ANGLE.

—The twenty-eighth meeting of the Indianapolis Collector's Club, Branch No. 45 of the American Philatelic Society, was held on the evening of December 14th, in the Club's room in the Marion Club building. Eighteen members were present, and seven applications for membership were presented. This club, not yet a year and a half old, now has a membership of over thirty, and the prospects for its growth and activity are very promising.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

The firm of Whitfield King & Co. shows its enterprise in publishing in spite of the war its Standard Catalog of Postage Stamps, a copy of which is before us for review. In this catalog many minor varieties are omitted, but in the form of its publication it will be very acceptable to the general collector. The firm calls attention to the difficulties under which the volume is issued, and one can well understand that the price 60c (by mail 70c) leaves a very small margin of profit.

We must compliment the firm upon the excellent typographical appearance of the book. It is exceedingly well printed and the cuts are well executed, notwithstanding the fact that they are only one-fourth the size of the original stamps. The revolutionary issues of Mexico are listed, but only the more important varieties. The publishers omit the hand-stamped issues, claiming that "most of them were unauthorized and all of them speculative." This statement will no doubt be questioned by many collectors here in America.

An interesting feature of this catalog is the statement as to the total number of stamps issued to date. The number is given as 29,155, divided as follows:—British Empire 8,512, Europe 6,067, Asia 5,721, Africa 7,107, America 6,015, West Indies 2,261 and Oceania 1,984. These figures of course have reference as indicated above to what might be termed standard issues of postage stamps. The book is well worth the price asked by the publishers.

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CHAPTER VI.—*An Analysis.*

Since the Boston Book was written, unsevered pairs of the 1c Proprietary and 3c Foreign Exchange perforated at top and bottom only, and the 2c Proprietary and 5c Foreign Exchange perforated at the sides only, have been found. The 2c Playing Cards and 3c Proprietary exist in part perforate vertical pairs that have been re-constructed but are undoubtedly genuine. The writer has not seen pairs of these unsevered. All the other part perforates catalogued are known to exist in pairs but, aside from those mentioned, the only part perforates found imperforate vertically instead of horizontally are the 1c Express and the 2c Express and 2c Bank Check in blue.

The imperforates catalogued have all been seen in pairs or larger pieces excepting the $1.30 and $1.90 Foreign Exchange, which may exist in pairs since there is no doubt both of them were issued imperforate in 1863. Copies of the $1.90 in brownish violet, and the $2.50 Inland Exchange in mauve, claret and grayish shades that puzzle description when without perforations had better be avoided, for it is not likely these colors were used for these stamps when the imperforates were issued. Of course there is at any time the possibility of a sheet slipping through "unfinished" but in the case of these first issue revenues printed after 1864, it is a possibility only—not a probability. Evidence of such an occurrence is a horizontal pair of the $1 Inland Exchange perforated at top and bottom only and printed in the scarlet tint that came into use about the time this pair was cancelled—1869. A horizontal strip of the 10c Contract imperforate has been reported and may well exist, as Butler & Carpenter delivered 133,740 unfinished copies of this stamp according to their records.

The chief reason for the scarcity of many imperforates and part perforates, and the great rarity of some of them in pairs and larger pieces, is that at the time most of them were used the law requiring each title to be used only on the instrument for which it was intended was observed to a certain extent. Study of the taxes under schedule "B" shows that during 1862, 1863 and the first seven months of 1864, many documentary stamps could be used in full compliance with the law only as singles. The 2c Bank Check is the commonest example. The Bank Check tax was two cents per check, regardless of the amount of money represented, hence only one stamp would be used at a time and what pairs and strips exist were not used on checks at all but came from other documents upon which they were used outside of the intent of the law. As a great many bank checks are used every year, obviously the bank check stamp should be common as a single copy, but not at all common in pairs etc., which is the case.

The 10c Bill of Lading is not extremely rare in imperforate pairs and this goes to show that it must have been used extensively on documents other than bills of lading. The Express stamps could be used in combinations up to five cents, but if they had been used only on express receipts there would be no pairs of the 5c and no larger pieces than five unsevered 1c and a pair of the 2c. Of the Telegraph stamps a pair and a single 1c could have been used to make the three cent rate, but there was no requirement for more than one 3c stamp. Perhaps half a dozen imperforate pairs of the 3c Playing Cards—all vertical—are known to exist, but since there was no six cent rate on playing cards, these pairs must have been used for some other tax. Many other similar instances can be noted and as a general rule we find the stamps of the denominations and titles apt to be used frequently by the public at large used more indiscriminately than those intended for documents passing only through narrower business channels.

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pally in sea ports, while Foreign Exchange stamps would be used most often by the bankers and brokers who dealt in foreign exchange and letters of credit. These lines of business are usually in the hands of established firms who do an extensive business and would be likely to keep a sufficient supply of the stamps on hand to meet their ordinary requirements and seldom would such concerns find it necessary to employ five one dollar stamps for lack of one five. This and certain peculiarities in the tax rate explains why singles are so much commoner than pairs.

In the case of Charter Party, the highest rate being ten dollars, there would be no use for a pair of $10 stamps or for a larger number of $5 stamps than two and no call for a pair of $3 stamps unless a pair or strip was used with $1 worth of some other stamps to make the ten dollar rate. Similarly, with Manifest as many as five $1 stamps could be used, but only one $3 or $5 stamp. Pairs of the 50c or strips of the 25c Life Insurance could be used to pay the tax on life insurance policies, but only single copies of the $1 stamp because the highest rate was one dollar. As there were probably less than 1,000 imperforate $1 Life Insurance altogether, it is no wonder pairs of this stamp are rare and strips unheard of—at least as far as the writer is concerned. Indeed, one would hardly expect to find pairs of the 25c or 50c Life Insurance stamps on life insurance policies because corporations of this character would use so many stamps that they would not often be short of the right denomination.

The case of the Foreign Exchange stamps is much like that of the Life Insurance except that there was no definite limit to the tax that might be required. There being no rate that was an exact multiple of 30c, few pairs or strips of the 30c stamp would likely be used and the same holds true of the 70c value. Four of the latter might be employed to make the $2.80 rate, or a pair might be used with other values to make the $1.60, $1.90 or $2.50 rate, but the great rarity of the 70c in unsevered imperforate or part perforate pairs is good evidence that it was not often so used. The $1.30, $1.60 and $1.90 values paid the tax on bills of exchange ranging from $7,500 to $15,000. Larger bills would have been provided for by stamps of higher denominaton if many larger bills were being bought and sold. We may conclude therefore, that there was little call for a stamp greater than $1.90 and also that there was even less use for pairs of this stamp, or of the $1.30 and $1.60. A bill of exchange on which a pair of $1.60 stamps could be used would have a face value of over $25,000. It is doubtful if either of the two known pairs of $1.60 were used to pay the foreign exchange tax.

(To be continued.)

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Obvious—A reader has intimated that our fragmentary remarks about the interest and importance of the recent new issues have accentuated the demand particularly for the war novelties, but he shakes our complacency by forcing us to suspect that he gives a humorous twist to his observation by saying that a dealer who makes a specialty of new issues wrote to him to the effect that he could not contrive to obtain enough new issues to go the rounds of all his customers! This somewhat radical declaration caused us to seek explanations from several sources, and we learned of certain phases of the importation of new stamps that made an impression. To-day, it is practically impossible to maintain a complete service in new issues because of the uncertainty attending the supplies from Central and South America, in particular, to say nothing of the curtailment, at the options of the senders, of the quantity of war or special stamps that are ordered. The comment of our reader reveals a situation that perhaps has been without parallel in the stamp world and reflects the conditions that dominate in the new issue service. The words of our reader become plain and in repeating them, our idea is not to emphasize the difficulty in securing the new issues, but merely to reflect a surprising circumstance.

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Observed—True to the promise that they would appear in December, the stamps of the new and pretentious permanent set of Colombia have been coming in freely on the mail. This is the line-engraved set made by Perkins Bacon and Company, London, and the seventeen varieties, ½c to 10p, inclusive, make an interesting parade. The stamps are on a gold basis and it is hoped that the set is elaborate enough to ensure a longer term of use of the stamps than that enjoyed by the preceding engraved set. On a letter from New Zealand, we find the impression, applied in the post office, "Buy Some War Loan Certificates." From a newspaper notice, it is learned that a new set of stamps will soon come from Bolivia as a result of a change in the currency basis. The marketing of a large number of the used two dollar, United States, 1902, issue has weakened the price on the stamp for the time being, although it is our belief that the market will absorb the lot without much disturbance. The peso values of the current Philippines, used, have been noticed in augmented number for a short time past and the remarks made on the subjects of the two dollar, U. S., apply to the stamps of our colony.

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Offended—Some weeks ago, we told of the boorish behaviour and offensive attitude of a collector here who wrote to one of Argentine's great collectors with a view to exchange. As a consequence, we received several letters of protest from readers who claimed that an isolated case of the kind really was of no value as proving any rule, although it afforded food for comment. However, one indignant man "flays" us to the turning point and asks us to repudiate the position we have taken. We are calm under verbal castigation and with a smile, sad but sweet, we say that we have nothing to retract because nothing was said at which umbrage could be taken. We go to the length of printing all this merely to say that if a foreign correspondent incurred the resentment of the writer under notice, said f. c. would mobilize the home guards.

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Overseas—From our capable correspondent, Mr. Theodore Siddall, Shanghai, China, we have received an explanation that will go well hand in hand with the reference to the used peso values Philippines that have been circulating about somewhat freely for a while past: "An item appeared in the WEEKLY some time ago to the effect that the writer of it did not believe that there were so many as five hundred used Philippine four peso stamps in existence; and he seemed afraid that the Philippine post office had been selling stamps from telegrams. Up to about a year ago, when Pacific Ocean freights had not risen to such a high price, the four peso Philippines was a rare stamp, but about that time a firm in Manila found out that its stuff could be shipped to New York by parcel post at less expense and much less trouble than by freight and having to unwind a lot of red tape at the custom house in Manila; and in every mail the firm sent off a lot of packages through the post office, each package bearing a four peso stamp. I have seen a shipment of at least sixty packages ready to go in one mail and have no doubt but that several hundred have been sent off, all to New York, where the stamps fell into the hands of people who could not wait to realize on them and who perhaps did not know that as soon as freight came down to the old level, the stamps would no longer be used. I think the commonness of these four peso stamps is only temporary, and I do not believe that the few hundred that have been used will keep the price down for long." As a general thing one may discount the effect that follows the marketing of a large number of stamps; as a rule, it is a short time before balances are restored.

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Others—From San Diego, California, Mr. L. Kopf writes: "In regard to the note in a recent number about the two cent, 1890, stamp being a late issue to bear the pumpkin or Jack O' Lantern cancellation, I may say that I have a fine specimen of the same cancellation on the two cent, 1894, and have seen several others on the same stamp. In looking through about 60,000 of the two cent, 1890, recently, I found one with a 'Kicking Mule' cancellation used from Goleta, Cal., an office that used this cancellation as well as Port Townsend, Washington. I have the mule cancellation on nine different stamps, the earliest being on the one, two, three and fifteen cent, 1879, and the latest on the two cent, 1890."

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Olden—A tale from Mr. Henry E. Abt, Chicago, conceals a bit of information that will be useful to some of the collectors of United States revenue stamps: "I resided at the home of the founder of one of Wisconsin's small towns last summer. A Frenchman, he came to the United States during the Civil War and proceeded to Milwaukee, where in the course of human events, he had his picture taken,—and stamped according to the mandate of the federal tax. He made numerous trips with oxen from Milwaukee to central Wisconsin, where he built a home for his wife and himself, having hauled the logs for the purpose. While examining the family album, I found one of the pictures that was taken in Milwaukee, and on the back of it was the three cent proprietary of the first issue. Under Schedule C of the tax of 1864, the tax on photographs was 5% *ad valorem* 'in certain cases'; otherwise: Retailing up to 25c, two cents; over 25c to 50c, three cents; over fifty cents to one dollar, five cents. For each additional $1.00, five cents. Many interesting circumstances have been connected with the finding of the revenue stamps on the backs of old photographs." Yes, we remember when young men collectors evinced a strange yearning to inspect the family photograph album in homes that they visited on different pretexts and we have heard of the discovery of three cent playing card stamps on pictures. This much may be understood, but when the enthusiastic talesman reached in the realm of the six cent proprietary, orange, of course, for his thrilling climax, the terms of the tax frowned forbiddingly at him.

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Out—A correspondent says, writing from Shanghai, China, "I mentioned that the German post office here in Shanghai had run out of 4 cent stamps. I did not intend to say that all the German offices in China had run out of the stamps; in fact, they had not, and the Shanghai office, after being without the 4 cent for several weeks or months, has got a supply from one of the other offices, and everything is serene again—if only somebody would come along and use the stamps. It is a fact that the German post office here is not a busy place, and is doing next to no business at all."

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The second design, used for the third to sixth issues inclusive, is 23 x 29.5-30 mm. in size. The design is surrounded by an ornamental lathe work border, with quatrefoil corner ornaments. The design consists of the coat-of-arms of New York in circle above, with "State of New York" in scroll above arms. "Stock Transfer Tax" in two lines of colorless Roman capitals below arms. Figures of value repeated twice, one on each side of stamp, on shields, between which word of value is engraved in solid capitals. Background is vertically lined. The aniline figures in this issue are similar to those of the second issue, being single, hollow numerals, 13.5 to 14 mm. high. These are surcharged over gum diamonds, 12.5 x 20 mm. The paper on which this issue is printed is a tough wove, watermarked a Greek border.

Third Issue, January, 1907.

Perforated 14. Wove Paper, Wmk. Greek Border.

No. 25 2c red-brown (F).
26 4c lilac (F).
27 10c ultramarine (F).
28 20c black (F).
29 50c orange (F).
30 $1 carmine (M).
31 $2 green (F).
32 $10 brown (F).
33 $20 olive (M).

The fourth issue, which appeared in January, 1908, has the same perforation, paper, and watermark, but the stamps have three undulating lines of varnish on the face, in place of diamonds, and the surcharge is multiple. Figures hollow, 5.5 mm. tall. This is repeated eight times on the 2c and 4c, $1 and $2. On the 10c, 20c, and 50c, it is repeated five times. The 50c, in addition, has the c mark on each side of the central surcharge figures.

No. 34 2c red-brown (8F).
35 4c lilac (8F).
36 10c ultramarine (5F).
37 20c black (5F).
38 50c orange (5F, 2cs).
39 $1 carmine (8F).
40 $2 dark green (8F).

The ten- and twenty-dollar values were omitted from this issue.

The fifth issue, produced in July, 1909, lacked the 4c as well as the $10 and $20, but the 2c appeared in two colors of surcharge, and the 20c in two colors, each of which was surcharged differently. Gum-lines and surcharges as before.

No. 41 2c olive-brown (8F).
42 2c olive-brown (8M).
43 20c black (5M).
44 20c green-yellow (5F).
45 50c orange (5M, 2cs).
46 $1 carmine (8M).
47 $2 pale green ("yellow-green") (8F).

On February 26, 1914, a complete new issue, of all nine values, appeared. The 4c value of the fourth issue, and the 10 dollar and 20 dollar values of the third issue having been by this time completely used up. In this issue, the multiple surcharge was changed to a single solid figure, 8.5 high, enclosed in a rectangular frame 18 x 25 mm. Perforation and watermark are the same as previously, paper greyish.

No. 48 2c carmine (M).
49 4c brown (F).
50 10c yellow (F).
51 20c violet (F).
52 50c lilac (F).
53 $1 green (F).
54 $2 ultramarine (F).
55 $10 pale green (F).
56 $20 blue-black (F).

The gum impress in the 1914 issue consists of a gum rectangle beneath the the aniline frame, and a series of short bars beneath the surcharged figure of value.

After two years' use, a new issue, of a new type, in two sizes, appeared in 1916. The stamps are oblong, instead of the upright rectangles of all former issues. The smaller size, 23x29½ mm. is used for the cent values, the larger, 25½ x 35½ mm., for the higher denominations. The surcharge is multiple, repeated five times for each value, in hollow numerals about 6 mm. high.

The design is striking, the central figure, as usual, being the coat-of-arms of New York. This is enclosed in an incomplete circle, which below is broken to join the frame which encloses the word "cents" or "dollars", as the case may be. Above the medallion, in a scroll, is "State of New York" in colorless Roman capitals. On each side of the central design, the figure of value is enclosed in a colorless frame, on a solid shield-shaped background, which in turn is enclosed in a cross-hatched (diagonally so in the $ values) shaded frame. Below the word of value, on a solid panel, is "Stock Transfer Tax", in colorless Roman capitals. The whole central design is enclosed in a shaded (or diagonally cross-hatched) frame, which in turn is surrounded by a solid line, and this, by a wide solid outer frame.

Seventh Issue, 1916.

Perf. 11. Gum Bars on face. Very thick, heavy wove paper. Surcharge multiple (5 times). 23x29.5 mm.

No. 57 2c olive-brown (F).
58 4c yellow-orange (F).
59 10c olive (F).
60 20c black (F).
61 50c orange-yellow (F).
25.5x35.5 mm.
62 $1 carmine (M).
63 $2 dark violet-red (F).
64 $10 Prussian blue (F).
65 $20 dark grey-green (F).

These stamps, from 1905 to date, have been engraved and printed in sheets of 100, by Messrs. Quayle & Son, Albany, who have rendered much assistance in the preparation of this list. They have checked and compared it with their records, and assert that the two tally, consequently the writer feels that the list is complete and as accurate as it is possible to make it. His thanks are due to Messrs. Quayle & Son, and also to the Comptroller of the State of New York, who has been kind enough to furnish him with a complete set of the current issue.

On account of the fact that the stamps must remain attached to transfers for two years, new issues are rather slow in getting into the hands of collectors. But nearly all values of all issues are easily obtained in time, with the exception of the 4c, $10 and $20 values. The 4c of the first issue is undoubtedly the rarest of all, and is seldom seen. Next in scarcity is the $20 of the third issue, the $20 of the first and second issues being nearly as difficult to obtain. However, a representative collection can be put together for a couple of dollars, and should be in every assemblage of United States revenues that lays claim to being called a "collection".

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1873	No. 8	5c	used	.06
1873	No. 9	7c	unused	.25
1873	No. 10	10c	used	.05
1873	No. 13	50c	used	.50
1887	No. 14	1 on 7	unused	.40
1895	No. 15	10 on 50	unused	.25
1896	No. 17	3c	unused	.25
1896	No. 20	5c	unused	.10
1902	No. 24	2 on 3	unused	.10
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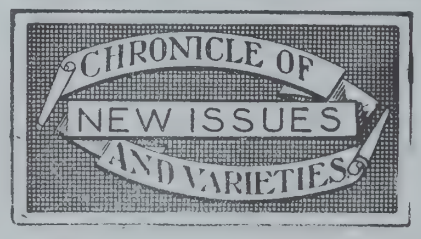
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William F. Works submits an interesting variety of the current Documentary stamp in which the "U" of documentary is broken at the lower right, making it resemble roughly a "C".

ANTIGUA.—An Order in Council, by the Governor of the Leeward Islands, made August 9th, 1916, provided for a ½d War Tax on all letters posted in Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, and Dominica, destined to the United Kingdom or any other part of the British Empire, outside of the Colony of Leeward Islands. The order came into effect September 1st, 1916, and is to remain in force until March 31st, 1917. The ½d War Stamp for Antigua was not received at St. John's until early in October, and in the interim the ordinary ½d stamp was used for this tax. A special printing was made of the ½d Arms type, Antigua, in deep blue green, on heavy white paper, with dull white gum. The overprint "WAR STAMP", in heavy block capitals, appears in one line, and a full sheet of 60 (12 x 5) is overprinted at one operation.—HARRY E. HUBER.

BAVARIA.—In the transition state of our Chronicle this item may have been referred to previously. S. Mittler informs us that he has seen the 2pf gray surcharged 2½ in black in both of the upper corners.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Lauren Tremper has shown us a copy of the 1c of the 1915 issue in pale green surcharged "1916". Herman Focke also shows us a copy of this stamp.

HAYTI.—A. W. Dunning sends for inspection no less than five new surcharges of this country, namely: 1c on 20c 1904 issue (type A18) and the same stamp surcharged "1" upon "Poste Paye" overprint, also 1c on 10c all surcharged in blue, 1c on 5c red surcharge and 1c on 7c of the 1906 issue in red. All of these surcharges are surrounded by a heavy frame as in the 1915 issue.

HONDURAS.—An interesting cover of this country has been shown us by Frank C. Davis having upon same a 10c of 1915-16 and a lower half of the same stamp, making the 15c rate, cancellation covers both stamps and they have apparently been accepted or not noticed by the P. O. clerks. Another cover with 10c 1913-15 and a diagonal half of the same stamp has not been recognized and 5c due has been charged upon same.

JAMAICA.—The fifth issue of the 3d War Stamp for Jamaica was made on November 7th. This is the 3d stamp on golden yellow paper, with the two line overprint. The lemon yellow paper which was used by the Crown Agents to take the place of the surface colored paper, has been exhausted, and supplies of paper under the new contract are in golden yellow, quite distinct from the lemon yellow.

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SUBSCRIPTION COUPONS.

We present this week a list of those who have secured new subscribers in connection with the use of our subscription coupons. We are greatly obliged to those who have participated and only regret that more of our readers do not manifest a spirit of hearty co-operation.

W. P. Colman of Washington, D. C., whose name appears in the list below, is one of our most enthusiastic boosters. His use of the coupons has been productive of good results. Moreover, Mr. Colman in an adv. in *Philatelic Gossip* offers the WEEKLY six months free to anyone who will purchase 50c from the list of stamps advertised by him. This is co-operation with a big C.

It will please us if our subscribers doing business with any of these coupon users will write their hearty appreciation of the efforts that are being put forth to boost the WEEKLY. The standing of the contestants to date is as follows:—

Edgewood Stamp Co., Milford, Conn.,	60
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R. E. Scheerer, Pottsville, Pa.,	2
Watch City Stamp Co., Waltham, Mass.,	2

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

VOORHEES' U. S. SALE.

Last week B. L. Voorhees, LaGrange, Ill., had a fine advertisement giving the particulars of an auction sale of U. S. stamps the property of R. L. Wicks of Chicago. Some of the lots of the sale were listed and described last week and they give evidence of a notable sale. This week's paper advises our readers that the Wicks collection will be on exhibition at the office of the Nassau Stamp Co., 118 Nassau St., N. Y. City, January 18 and 19. No doubt the opportunity will be utilized by New York collectors.

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Meetings first (informal) and third (regular) Tuesdays, Room 322 Tremont Bldg., 8.15 P. M.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16th, and will be called to order at 7.45 p. m. The reports of the officers of the past year will be read and the officers for the coming year will be elected. The entertainment for the evening will be a general discussion of the current catalogue of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.

The application of Mr. Wm. Shafer will be voted upon.

Those who wish to dine together on that evening will find congenial company at the Lombardy Inn, Boylston Place, at 6 p. m.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dues received since last report from No. 217, 50c; from No. 220, 50c; which with previous receipts, minus charges, have been remitted to the treasurer.

Change of Address. No. 184, Rev. Michael Klosowski, from Stevens Point to Pound, Wisconsin.

Nominations for officers to serve the Society for the ensuing year are now called for. Send in at once.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The Mountain States Philatelic Society has just elected the following officers to serve during 1917:—Guy Knox, president; Charles Huscher, vice president; Carl Johnson, secretary; Maitland Milliken, treasurer (4th term); and Messrs. Bradbury, Stoess and Beukma, directors. January 19 a banquet will be held in the Auditorium, Denver, and it will be a ladies' night.

—If any stamp society wants files of the WEEKLY for the past three years, they may be obtained from Donald M. Chambers, 226 N. Maple Ave., East Orange, N. J., upon payment of transportation charges.

—We cannot understand why dealers send out approval selections to collectors whose dishonesty has been given ample publicity in the columns of the WEEKLY. We have referred several times to one W. M. Artman of Los Angeles, Cal., but every now and then the name of this party is reported to us. Dealers who send out selections without securing gilt-edged references must take the consequences.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Wm. H. Faber, M. Casper (2), A. H. Gleason, Maitland Milliken (2), W. T. Lathrop.

—Victor Marsh, 386 Brixton Rd., London, England, would like information concerning C. J. Grundstrom, 1372 W. 4th St., Riverside, Cal. His occupation is given as manager of the Boston Shoe Co., but Mr. Marsh has been unable to secure replies to various letters that have been sent him during the past two years or more. Can any Riverside subscribers help Mr. Marsh with the desired information?

—The firm of Geo. C. Ginn & Co. has taken out a government permit enabling them to do business with this country. The firm has an advertisement in this number and wishes us to advise our readers of the above fact. This is an old-established English firm, one that has advertised in the WEEKLY for the past twelve years.

—S. M. Edwards, on his recent trip across the country from Argusville, N. D., to Philadelphia stopped off at Chillicothe, Ohio, and visited S. Schachne, president of the P. C. S. A. He reports great pleasure in the privilege of inspecting the fine postal card collection and stock owned by Mr. Schachne.

—H. K. Schoff informs us that he recently received from a Winnipeg dealer a rather valuable selection of stamps on approvel sent in an envelope with no return card and containing absolutely nothing to indicate the name or address of the sender. Of course the selection was unsolicited. Our vocabulary is unable to express our contempt for such loose business methods.

—J. A. Nosworthy of New Zealand, member of the Postal Card Society of America, has been conscripted for service in the great conflict across the water and may be called forth, shortly.

—In acknowledging the receipt of his P. C. S. A. membership card and other papers, William Turnstill of Nairabi, British East Africa, wrote a mere skeleton postcard from India, where he had been sent to join their colors. Nothing heard from him since. Such is the fate of many of those summoned to the front.

—A rather unique proposition is presented in our advertising columns, and it will attract the attention of every reader. The Managing Editor is well acquainted with Mr. Sledd and is willing to allow his name to be used as a guarantee of his reliability. It will be noted that the stamps of two countries are covered and it is the intent of the promoter of this "old issue service" to furnish the stamps of Canada and Newfoundland at a very reasonable price, and we shall await with interest the progress of the enterprise.

—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Western Philatelic Association, held at Oakland, California, Dec. 28: president, Joseph A. Stites; vice president, Fred Rohrbach; secretary, Oliver G. Beardslee; treasurer, Kenneth Macabee; librarian, Oliver G. Beardslee; sales and exchange manager, William G. Wilson.

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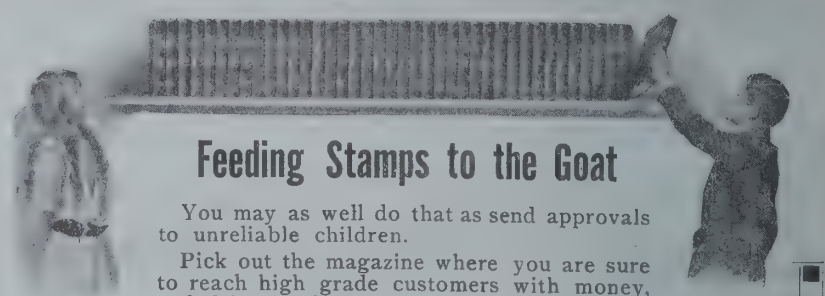
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REAL NEW YEAR CHEER.

A letter such as the following from B. Douglas Goode of Boydton, Va., breathes the right spirit and is particularly appropriate for the New Year season. We welcome Mr. Goode back to the ranks of active collectors and trust some of our subscribers will send us the name of some shut-in worthy of Mr. Goode's proffered kindness:—

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

CHRONOLOGY OF ADHESIVE POSTAL ISSUES OF THE U. S. DURING THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

By C. EDWARD WRIGHT.

At my request, the Third Assistant Postmaster General caused an investigation to be made into the dates of issue of United States adhesive postage stamps emitted during the current century. I am lately in receipt of the report, which I have rearranged to bring out more forcibly the chronological sequence of the issues.

In the report, I am told:—

Effort has been made to give dates of issue in each case, but it is possible that in a few instances the date of sale is given. The date of sale is usually one or two days later than the date of issue. Corrections have been made in red ink where dates listed by you were found to be incorrect.

To compile this information has involved an extensive search of records, particularly as to the earlier issues, which could only be undertaken as opportunity presented.

There can be little doubt that the statement in the last paragraph is quite modest. Several months have elapsed since the beginning and the end of the research. Indeed, so much time has been expended and so many dates, heretofore published, have been corrected (as the letter of transmission indicates), that I feel oppressed by a sense of selfishness if I do not attempt to make this information available to others, who may, like myself, concern themselves less with the curiosities of mischance in postal issues and more with the history of intentional stamp emissions. Praise and thanks are due to the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General, which has now not only furnished very complete, but of course wholly authoritative data.

There are some dates which I have ventured to supply because the records do not show any definite date. I refer only to the single-lined watermark issues of "1908-9". The 1c and 2c appeared in 1910; of the others there are no records. I think they must have been issued, not in 1910, but in 1911, because there is a record of the 3c coil, perf. 12 horiz., issued late in January, 1911, and the 4c coil not until 1912, and the 5c coil not until 1913. Some of the 1c and 2c coils came out in 1910. It is not a bad guess that all save the 1c and 2c were not issued earlier than 1911. And again: The Department makes no distinction between the early and later shade of the 8c, Franklin head. They have no record. But the prevailing lighter, and apparently permanent shade (as nearly as any shade nowadays is permanent) first appeared in 1914.

In the list that follows, I attempt no more than to give the date of issue and enough to identify the stamp. The numbers enclosed in parentheses are the Scott numbers.

REGULAR ISSUES.

1901, April 27—Pan American, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c (294-299).
1902, Nov. 19—"Series 1902", 13c (308).
Dec. 8—"Series 1902", 8c (306).
1903, Jan. 19—"Series 1902", 2c (301).
Jan. 21—"Series 1902", 5c (304).
Feb. 4—"Series 1902", 1c (300).
Feb. 6—"Series 1902", 10c (307).
Feb. 11—"Series 1902", 4c (303).
Feb. 12—"Series 1902", 3c (302).
Feb. 21—"Series 1902", 6c (305).
Mar. 24—"Series 1902", 50c (310).
May 28—"Series 1902", 15c (309).
June 2—"Series 1902", $1, $2, $5 (311-313).
Nov. 12—"Shield", 2c (314).
1904, Apr. 22—"Louisiana Purchase", 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c (315-319).
1906, Oct. 2—"Series 1902", 1, 2c imperf. (300b, 314e).
1907, Apr. 25—"Jamestown", 1, 2c (320-321).
May 3—"Jamestown", 5c (322).
1908, Feb. 18—"Series 1902", 1, 2c coil endwise, perf. hor. (300c*).
Feb. 24—"Series 1902", 5c coil endwise, perf. hor. (304c).
Mar. 30—"Series 1902", 5c imperf. (304b).
May 12—"Series 1902", 4c imperf. (303c).
July 31—"Series 1902", 1, 2c coil sidewise, perf. vert. (300d, 314f).
Nov. 16—Double-lined wmk., 2c (324).
Dec. 2—Double-lined wmk., 1c (323).
Dec. 10—Double-lined wmk., 2c imperf. (324a).
Dec. 17—Double-lined wmk., 8c (329).
Dec. 19—Double-lined wmk., 5c (327).
Dec. 23—Double-lined wmk., 1c imperf. (323a).
Dec. 24—Double-lined wmk., 3, 4c, (325-326).
Dec. 29—Double-lined wmk., 1c coil endwise, perf. hor. (323c).
Dec. 31—Double-lined wmk., 6c, (328).

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Jan. 11—Double-lined wmk., 13c (331).
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Jan. 13—Double-lined wmk., 50c (333).
Jan. 19—Double-lined wmk., 15c (332).
Jan. 29—Double-lined wmk., 5c imperf. (327a) and $1 (334).
Feb. 2—Lincoln, 2c (335).
Feb. 4—Lincoln, 2c imperf. (335a).
Feb. 16—Double-lined wmk., 1, 2c, exper. paper (323b, 324b).
Feb. 23—Double-lined wmk., 4, 5, 10c, coil side, perf. vert. (326d, 327d, 330b).
Feb. 25—Double-lined wmk., 3, 4c, imperf. (325a, 326a).
May 5—Double-lined wmk., 3, 4, 5c coil endwise, imperf.†
May 24—Alaska Yukon, 2c (336).
June 18—Alaska Yukon, 2c imperf. (336a).
Sept. 18—Hudson Fulton 2c (337).
Sept. 24—Hudson Fulton 2c (337a).
1909, (exact dates unknown)—3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c, and 2c Lincoln, exper. paper (325a, 326a, 327b, 328a, 329a, 330a, 331a, 332a, 335b).
1910, Aug. 15—Double-lined wmk. 4c coil endwise, perf. hor. (326c).
Nov. 1—Single-lined wmk., 1, 2c coil endwise and side, perf. 12, (338b, 338c, 339b, 339c).
1910, (exact dates unknown)—single lined wmk., 1, 2c (338, 339), and 1 and 2c coil side, perf. 8½ (338e, 339e).
1911, (exact dates unknown)—Single lined wmk., 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c (340-346).
1911, (exact dates unknown) — Single lined wmk., 1, 2c, coil endwise, perf. 8½ (338d, 339d).

* This stamp is not catalogued, but it was reported to me as above.

† These are imperforate coil stamps, but I do not find them listed.

1911, Jan. 3—Single lined wmk., 1, 2c, imperf. (338a, 339a).
Jan. 24—Single lined wmk., 3c, coil side, perf. 12 vert. (340b).
1912, (exact date unknown)—Single lined wmk., 4c coil side, perf. 8½ vert. (341a).
1912, Jan. 11—Franklin head, 10c (360).
Feb. 12—Numeral and Franklin, 1, 2, 8, 15, 50c, $1 (355-6, 358a, 362, 367-8).
Feb. 23—Numeral 2c, imperf. (356a).
Mar. 9—Numeral 1c, imperf. (355a).
Mar. 18—Numeral 1c, coil end, and side perf. 8½ (355b, 355c), and 2c coil endwise, perf. 8½ hor. (356b).
Mar. 21—Numeral 2c coil sidewise, perf. 8½ vert. (356c).
Dec. 26—Panama Pacific 1, 5, 10c (yellow) (347, 349, 350a).
1913, Jan. 18—Panama Pacific 2c, (348).
Aug. 27—Panama Pacific 10c (orange) (350).
1913, (exact date unknown)—Single lined wmk. 5c coil sidewise, perf. 8½ vert. (342a).
1914, Apr. 25—Numeral 2c coil sidewise, perf. 10 vert. (370f).
Apr. 29—Franklin head 7, 9, 12, 20, 30c, perf. 12 (357, 359, 361-4).
May 29—Numeral 1c coil sidewise, perf. 10 vert. (369b).
June 30—Rotary press 2c coil sidewise, imperf. and coil perf. 10.
July 22—Numeral 2c coil endwise, perf. 10 hor. (370e).
July 30—Numeral 5c coil sidewise, perf. 10 vert. (372a).
Sept. 5—Regular, perf. 10 1, 2c (369, 370).
Sept. 7—Regular, perf. 10 4c (372).
Sept. 9—Regular, perf. 10 10c (378).
Sept. 10—Regular, perf. 10 7, 12c (375, 379).
Sept. 14—Regular, perf. 10 5c (373).
Sept. 16—Regular, perf. 10 15c (380).
Sept. 18—Regular, perf. 10 3c (371).
Sept. 19—Regular, perf. 10 20, 30c, (381, 382).
Sept. 26—Regular, perf. 10 8c (376).
Sept. 28—Regular, perf. 10 6c (374).
Oct. 2—Regular, 4c coil sidewise, perf. 10 vert. (372a).
Oct. 6—Regular, perf. 10 9c (377).
Nov. 2—Rotary press 1c perf. 10.
Nov. 14—Regular, 1c coil endwise, perf. 10 hor. (369a).
Dec. 18—Regular, 3c coil sidewise, perf. 10 vert. (371a).
1914, (exact date unknown)—8c, perf. 12, ("peasoup" olive) (358).
1914, (exact date unknown)—Panama Pacific 1, 2, 5c perf. 10 (351-3).
1915, Feb. 8—Regular, perf. 10 $1 (386).
June 17—Regular, perf. 11 2c (388).
Aug. 9—Regular, perf. 10 11c (378a).
Dec. 10—Regular, perf. 10 50c (383).
1916, (exact date unknown)—Panama Pacific 10c perf. 10 (354).
Feb. 2—Rotary press, perf. 10 3c (371).
Feb. 18—Rotary press, perf. 10 4c (372).
Mar. 9—Rotary press, perf. 10 5c (373).
Sept. 25—Unwatermarked paper 2c (391)
Sept. 27—Unwatermarked paper 1c (390)
Oct. 7—Unwatermarked paper 4c.
Oct. 10—Unwatermarked paper 6, 7c.
Oct. 17—Unwatermarked paper 5, 10, 12c.
Nov. 11—Unwatermarked paper 3c.
Nov. 13—Unwatermarked paper 8c.
Nov. 16—Unwatermarked paper 11c, 15c.
Nov. 17—Unwatermarked, coiled sideways, perf. vert., 1, 2c.
Dec. 5—Unwatermarked 20c.
Dec. 8—Unwatermarked, imperf., 1, 2c.
Dec. 22—Unwatermarked $1.

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Dec. 18—75c (460).
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Mar. 15—50c (459).
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1914, (exact date unknown)—"Series 1902", perf. 10 10c (898).
1916, Oct. 19—Unwatermarked paper 10c.

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1911, Feb. 7—Double lined wmk., 50, $1 (636-7).
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Mar. 29— Single lined wmk., 1c (638).
1911, (exact date unknown)—Single lined wmk., 2c (639).

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1911, (exact dates unknown)—Single lined wmk. 1, 2, 5, 10c (1252-3, 1255-6).
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Nov. 27—Parcel post, 1, 5c (1291, 1293).
Dec. 9—Parcel post, 2c (1292).
Dec. 12—Parcel post, 10c (1294).
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—V. K. Yowell, St. Louis, Mo., has settled his account with J. C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Other dealers whose difficulties have not been settled would do well to profit by Mr. Jay's campaign.

—Henry Schuhmacher, 78 Kittredge St., Roslindale, Mass., is out with a communication to all stamp societies and clubs to send two delegates to a meeting to be held February 27 in Boston, Mass., for the purpose of organizing a permanent philatelic congress. The exact place will be announced later.

—The annual banquet of the Twin City Philatelic Society was held at the Andrews Hotel, Minneapolis, Jan. 13.

—We have a new advertiser this week in the Excelsior Stamp Co. of Middletown, N. Y. This firm was established three years ago, the proprietors being E. P. Valkenburg and John M. Boland. The company has advertised considerably in the boys' magazines and we are glad to have this patronage of our columns. The members of the firm are connected with the S. P. A. and M. P. A.

—Louis Gerald, Cleveland, O., subscribes to the WEEKLY but sends no street address. Will one of our Cleveland subscribers please help us out?

—Grant L. Paul, formerly of Napanee, Can., and a recent advertiser in the WEEKLY enlisted last November in the Queen's Field Ambulance Corps and is now located at Old Collegiate Barracks, Kingston, Can. He is unable to attend to stamp matters but will be pleased to hear from any old stamp collecting friends.

—We have received from C. M. Smith, Fredericksburg, Va., a letter dealing with the matter of covers used prior to the time stamps were issued. The letter also deals with cancellations that Mr. Smith has found on early U. S., a matter which is engaging the attention of numerous of our readers at the present time.

—The Artemus Stamp Co., Los Angeles, Cal., is unable to secure replies to letters addressed to A. Gilot, Ponce, Porto Rico.

—An esteemed correspondent wants to know if Bill Bloss is really existent. He certainly is and very much so. Bill is in Chicago and will establish his identity to the satisfaction of anyone who may be passing through that city.

—H. P. Bridge, Clearfield, Pa., would like information in regard to R. T. Hance, Flint, Mich. He is unable to secure replies to letters sent him.

—It takes a full two weeks to enter renewals. The mail list is in Portland, Me., while the clerical work is done at Beverly, Mass. Give us ample time to enter remittances. If you have recently renewed and find in this week's paper a notice of arrearages, wait a couple of weeks for change of whole number on the wrapper.

—Henry B. Evans, formerly of Minneapolis, Minn., has removed to Detroit, Mich. Address Room 242, P. O. Bdg.—(Advt.)

—There is every indication that the *Stamp Journal*, latterly published at Covington, O., has ceased to exist. L. Harald Kjellstedt, who served as editor-in-chief advises us that the publication has been probably discontinued and under any circumstances he will have no further connection with the paper.

—The *Collectors' Journal* has secured the services of Julian T. Baber as exchange editor. Mr. Baber is well and favorably known for his work in philatelic journalism. He is on the staff of the *Daily Advance*, Lynchburg, Va.

—Herman W. Boers advises us of the death of Henry B. Bromley of Detroit, formerly a member of the A. P. S. and well known among Detroit stamp collectors. He had lived in Detroit all his life and had been actively interested in civic affairs.

—The manager of the Stamp Shop, Chicago, Richard R. Eisendrath, now a student at Harvard, has been elected business manager of the *Harvard Illustrated*. Mr. Eisendrath will be heartily congratulated by his many friends.

—The stamp stock of G. V. Lovering of Washington has been purchased by W. P. Colman, the well-known dealer of that city. We are sorry to lose Mr. Lovering as a patron but pleased that his stock has fallen into such good hands.

—We are informed that a binder suitable for the WEEKLY may be obtained from the National Blank Book Co., 52 Duane St., N. Y. City. Interested parties will do well to write for further particulars. Our thanks are due W. Ellery Denison for this information.

—You should use our leaflet, "The Charm of Stamp Collecting", in your correspondence. It is excellent for missionary work and presents stamp collecting in its most favorable light. We pay half the cost of production and offer the leaflet at 50c per hundred postpaid. Collector or dealer can use these to advantage.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder, Wm. L. Hamilton, Geo. M. Brack, C. G. Adams, J. J. Prendergast, C. R. Fulmer, Hollis Thacher and Globe Stamp Co.

—"It's an old, old subject but will you please reopen the discussion re unsolicited approvals? I am today in receipt of a sheet of 25 from someone I never heard of. True he sends return postage but not a return envelope. I have also in my desk four other lots received last May when I became a member of the S. P. A. Some enclose return postage and some do not. I have been holding these intact to see what the ultimate outcome would be, yet nothing serious has happened and I wonder if the concerns that sent them will eventually warn the trade that I am a fraud. Will some of your readers state their practice, for practically every collector must be imposed on by these barnacles. Please understand that I have never ordered stamps of any kind from any of these concerns."—THORN SMITH.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST.

We have divided our boosters in two classes and group in the contest those who are now subscribers to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. We offer two prizes to the two subscribers sending in the largest number of new subscriptions before April 25. Dealers are debarred from this contest. The prizes offered will be:

First—"Postage Stamps of the United States of America," by N. E. Waterhouse. Published by Frank Godden, London, England.

Second.—The new book on "Hawaii" by C. F. Richards.

To simplify matters nothing less than six months' new subscriptions will be considered in connection with this contest and subscription coupons or the "Charm of Stamp Collecting" leaflet may be used in connection with the contest. Coupons will be supplied *free of charge,* while the leaflet is furnished at one-half of cost price, 50c per hundred. Those subscribers who have already sent in coupons are credited, as per the list following. We deem it no more than right to give these subscribers credit for work done:—

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Several have sent in one subscription, of which record has been made. Send for a supply of coupons or leaflets and push the good work.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Ready—We have been informed that the new set of wines and cordials revenue stamps has been issued but at this moment we are unable to give particulars as to designs and denominations.

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Official—From Mr. C. H. Fowle ("Undooley") we have received two old documents relating to the civil war revenue stamp taxes. One is a four page folder whose character may be judged by the following headings, taken from the first page: "Official. Treasury Department. Office of Internal Revenue. Schedule of Stamp Duties. From and after August 1, 1864." On the last page, following the schedule of descriptions and taxes, are "General Remarks." From them, we quote: "Revenue stamps may be used indiscriminately upon any of the matters or things enumerated in Schedule B, except proprietary and playing card stamps, for which a special use has been provided. Postage stamps cannot be used in payment of the duty chargeable on instruments." There are other instructions that are interesting but somewhat technical in their bearing. The second piece was in the nature of a letter to the "Hon. E. A. Rollins, Commissioner of Internal Revenue," dated Boston, Nov. 3, 1865, and a reply thereto, elucidating an obscure point in the application of the law relating to the tax on the extension of notes.

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Strong—An able article, "Philatelists Await Post-Bellum Stamps of European Nations," was a feautre of the Newark, New Jersey, *Call* of January 7, 1917. It is written in a tone of authority and well repays perusal. An estimate is given of the philatelic possibilities attending the geographical changes that likely will occur in any peace adjustment and a sort of forecast of issues celebratory of peace is given. All in all, the article is noteworthy and should make a definite impression even on the mind of the hurrying reader.

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Pi—From Mr. L. J. Ragatz we have received an ad clipped from a contemporary, offering "4 Greenland, 1882-85" and sometime ago, we noticed Obock, set up as "O'Bock." Of course, vagaries such as "Punch" for Poonch, "Nine" for Niue and "Cute" for Crete are well known and we do not blame the intelligent comp. for fumbling some of these names when the "copy" with which he has to wrestle in some cases is taken into consideration.

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Variety—The following notice was issued earlier in the month from the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General: "Postmasters and employees of the postal service are notified that, owing to the condition of the paper market, the Department found it necessary to issue a quantity of the 1 cent postal cards printed on paper bought in open market which is of whiter color and somewhat rougher finish than the regular issue. The card is 3¼ by 5½ inches in dimensions and the stamp design is the same as on the regular No. 8 card bearing the head of Jefferson, but the printing is not so clear. The purpose of this notice is to enable the postal service to recognize the card as genuine."

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High—Accounts of the payment of high amounts of postage in stamps have always had an interest for collectors and from time to time mention has been made of the use of stamps in lavish manner to prepay mail matter. A reader sends a clipping from the St. Paul *Dispatch* which tells of two packages of woolen cloth that were consigned to Bobrusk, Minsk, Russia, from St. Paul, on which the postage was $43.92 and $36.25, respectively. As there is no parcel post convention between Russia and this country, the postage was charged at first class rates or five cents for the first ounce and three cents for each additional ounce. We quote: 'Post office officials say that never has so large a sum been paid for postage on any parcel as on those sent today. Dollar stamps were used as far as possible to reduce the amount of licking needed." No doubt this statement refers to the St. Paul office as we are sure that in many cases greater amounts have been paid on single pieces of mail. If we may trust to recollection, we have seen blocks of over fifty of the ninety cent purple, 1888, and ninety cent orange, 1890, that were used on consignments by mail. Many interesting stories could be told of high postage payment and we should like to hear of authenticated instances of the kind from readers.

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Counterfeiting—From Mr. Herbert Klein, St. Louis, Mo., we have received a word of explanation about the case referred to in our issue of January 6th, 1917, on the subject of an abortive attempt to counterfeit the current two cent stamp. Mr. Klein says: "I cannot give the full details, although I might easily have saved the newspaper clippings had I known that they would have been of interest to you. As well as I can remember, there was a bit of excitement over the fact that a small printing firm was manufacturing two cent stamps. It developed later, though, that while they had the materials with which to print the stamps, they were not making them, as yet. At the trial one man was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary, while the owner of the shop and another man or two were fined small amounts. I have not given the details fully but hope that I have thrown a little light on the case." Speaking of St. Louis, it may be said that the local society, the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society, has begun an active campaign for new members and all collectors in the vicinity are invited to join; meetings are held every first and third Tuesday of the month at 801 Chemical Building, St. Louis. The following strong board of officers will serve during 1917: President, F. R. Cornwall; Vice-President, Dr. Lister Tuholske and Secretary, Herbert Klein.

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Danger—From Mr. Frank M. Mason, Providence, R. I., we have received a somewhat remarkable letter that was sent him recently; and so telling are some of the points of the pronouncement that we are impressed. Graphically, the feeling of the comparatively inexperienced collector who attends seriously to his pursuit is reflected when he runs afoul of the snags that are half submerged. In his letter, the protestant says that the menace of stamps that become demonetized after many of them have been sold to collectors at full rates, to mention only one of the milder strictures, may be such as to make him forswear collecting. It is not necessary to add to the catalogue of further iniquities, minor to major, to bring out the writer's contention that philately is grieviously harmed by the existence of these abuses. We endorse the arraignment by Mr. Mason's correspondent but we have an explanation to make for this condition and can point hopefully to the future. First of all, we know of no other business that has been so slow to become standardized as the stamp business; and sometimes, the more progressive dealers themselves must pause to wonder why the stamp business generally is not on a more progressive plane. However, the long lane has begun to turn and the future is bright with promise of better things. In other words, the dealers through their trade organizations are sincerely trying to remove the handicaps under which commercial philately labors; and we are sanguine enough to believe that the little progress that has been made is an earnest of better things to follow. The elimination of all trickery in philately is a shining goal to strive for, even though only by slow degrees is it to be reached.

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CHAPTER VI—*Continued.*

Relatively speaking, the Conveyance stamps are not so rare in imperforate pairs as are some of the other titles, all but the $2 value having been used in multiple rather frequently. The Mortgage stamps are more difficult to find, except perhaps the 50c and $1, and the Probates are even more difficult, especially the $2, which ranks with the high values of Inland Exchange in rarity. Pairs of the $20 Probate are not much, if any, scarcer than pairs of the $5 and not nearly so scarce as pairs of the $10 value. Of the last the writer has seen only one unsevered pair. It is vertical.

In the case of Inland Exchange there were more ways of using the stamps in multiple both under the law of 1862 and of 1863. Two 15c stamps would make the 30c rate and four 15c or two 30c would make the 60c rate, or three $1.50 stamps would make the $4.50 rate. But neither the 40c nor the 60c value would make a higher rate without the use of other denominations and greater convenience led to the use of other values more frequently. The 30c and 60c are both scarce in pairs. Probably very few imperforate $2.50 and $3.50 stamps were ever issued, for even single copies of them are rare. Pairs are very rare indeed and strips and blocks are unknown.

Sometimes a large block or many singles of a low denomination would be found on a document that required a large amount for the tax but more often the fewest number of stamps possible was used because fewer stamps would cover less space. Vertical pairs and strips are usually scarcer than horizontal pieces, although quite often vertical pieces were placed on the margins of the documents where they would not cover up any of the printing or writing. Blocks seem to have been used seldom—they took up too much room. Some of the commonest imperforate and part perforate singles are almost unknown in blocks. The largest block of 2c Bank Checks known to the writer consists of only twelve stamps.

The tax on promissory notes, effective between March, 1863, and August, 1864, necessitated the use of many odd combinations. As was noted before, the rate was 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 6c or 10c for each $200 face value of the note, according to the length of time specified on it and any multiple of the six denominations stated might have been required. The multiples of one comprise every whole number of which the human mind can conceive—hence any combination of stamps might possibly have been used, but as notes for large sums are commonly for even amounts such as $30,000 rather than $29,624, the odd combinations would be more apt to occur on the smaller notes.

The 4c and 6c Inland Exchange were issued for use under this schedule and were continued in use after it was repealed in 1864. Both were still in use in 1871 and are found on the experimental silk paper. Strange to say the only schedule calling for the use of the 4c and 6c stamps on documents after 1864, except occasionally for bullion and bullion contracts, was that of Foreign Exchange! Since there were no 1c, 2c or 3c Inland Exchange stamps and only 4c, 6c and multiples of the 5c, the promissory notes requiring odd amounts during the life of the schedule of 1863 quite likely had their tax frequently paid by combinations of the various other low values and it is reasonable to suppose many of the imperforate or part perforate pairs and strips of Agreement, Bank Check, Bill of Lading, Contract, Express, Power of Attorney and Telegraph stamps, as well as Certificate and possibly others were used on these notes.

It is clear that most of the imperforates and part perforates other than single copies, and many singles, were used on documents other than those for which they were intended since had they been used only as was contemplated by the law many of them would not exist in pairs at all. As a theory, the idea of obtaining statistics regarding the amount of business transacted in various lines throughout the country by means of certain stamps for each business was a success—in practice it absolutely failed. Even the attempts to keep the stamps for Schedule "C" separate from those for Schedule "B" often failed. Witness part of a document bearing fifty of the 1c Proprietary—each stamp most painstakingly cancelled with initials and date in full compliance with a fraction of the law!

CHAPTER VII.—*Six Cent Proprietary.*

If it is permissible to hazard a guess the writer suggests just one stamp that could have been used out of its own sphere but never was. This stamp is the last one issued—the six cent proprietary. Not only is it the rarest of the perforated stamps of the first issue, but it has a very interesting history and may be considered to be the "missing link" between the general issue and the private die stamps. The reason that it exists at all appears to be purely monetary—a matter of only a few hundred dollars at the most, which Charles Osgood & Co. of Norwich, Connecticut, proprietors of a preparation which sold for $1.50 and therefore required a six cent stamp, were unwilling to pay for a private die. In a letter to Mr. Carpenter dated March 10, 1871, they stated there were then more than a hundred preparations calling for a six cent stamp and thought it very extraordinary in the government not providing a suitable stamp after having fixed the tax. The result of their complaint was the six cent Proprietary. It was first delivered to the department April 13, 1871, and nearly 90,000 copies were issued according to the records during the next four and a half months, or until it was replaced by the six cent black and green September 2, 1871. The first order called for 100,000 stamps to be printed in black but before any were printed the color was changed to orange. It differs from the 6c Inland Exchange only in that the lower label is inscribed "Proprietary."

The rarity of the 6c Proprietary is due not so much to the comparatively small quantity issued as to the short time it was in use and the manner in which it was used. Both the $1.60 and $1.90 Foreign Exchange and all the values from the $15 up were issued in smaller quantity but these were all documentary stamps and the documents on which they were used were often filed away for reference or as a matter of record while the proprietary stamp was stuck on medicine bottles and soon landed in an ash heap or the bottle collection of a junk man. Several of the private die stamps which are rarer than the much coveted six cent orange were issued in larger quantity and their rarity today is due to similar causes.

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large proportion, if not most of those issued, were used by this firm on their India Cholagogue. Their preparation was sold largely in the malaria districts of the south and this helps to account for the rarity of the stamp as there were not many revenue stamp collectors in the south in 1871. The writer was in Norwich in the summer of 1915 and was told by one of the Osgood firm that a few of the six cent orange have been obtained by them from old bottles of the Cholagogue sent in for redemption or exchange and that within a few years two copies had turned up in this way. Needless to say there is a long waiting list for any that may turn up in the future!

The stamp is also known to have been used on Shallenberger's (?) Pills and possibly one other preparation which the writer has been unable to trace and if there were nearly a hundred firms that needed a six cent stamp it is indeed curious they did not use it or if they did use it, that so little evidence of the fact can be found. At the time it was being used there were only seven six cent private die medicine stamps in use and no other six cent private proprietaries except possibly the 6c Wm. Gates match stamp. The proprietary six cent could have been used on matches but there is no evidence that it ever was. Uncancelled copies are known and also a few fine cancelled copies, but the great majority of those in existence are damaged if not off center or heavily cancelled. The number in existence has been estimated to be as low as between thirty and forty all told. Pairs have not been found.

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2c	A	3	amber	17	80
2c	A	5	amber	19	87
2c	D	8	white	20	59

CAPE JUBI.—From the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* we note, "A philatelically new country, Cape Jubi, for the territory in Western Africa, adjacent to Rio de Oro, the Minister of State has decreed a special issue of stamps by overprint and surcharge in "centimos" on the current 50 cts., and 1, 4 and 10pts values of Rio de Oro. An illustration shows the overprint in three lines widely spaced. The values and quantities are said to be as follows:—

Sept., 1916, Issue of Rio de Oro, overprinted "CABO JUBI" and "Centimos" values.
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10c in red on 10 pts. grey brown (2,178).
15c in green on 50 cts. lake (2,048).
15c in red on 50 cts. lake (2,048).
40c in green on 1 pt. vermilion (1,021).
40c in red on 1 pt. vermilion (1,021).

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The ½ centavo has now appeared surcharged 1916, according to copy submitted by A. W. Dunning. This is similar to the 1c chronicled in the last issue. They seem to be a year behind times in this unsettled country as these stamps have just put in an appearance.

FRANCE.—The inland postage rate having been increased to 15c, it is likely that in the near future a stamp in this denomination will be issued in the familiar "Sower" type.

HAYTI.—We have been shown by the Fordham Stamp Exchange specimens of the provisional chronicled last week.

INDO CHINA.—*Stamp Collecting* states, "Following the example set by Tunis, of issuing a 5c+5c Red Cross stamp, this colony has had a supply of its current 5c denomination overprinted with the Geneva Cross in carmine. The surcharge has evidently been applied in Paris, being of the uniform Boulevard Brune pattern, and, on the stamp before us, is at the top of the stamp, over the word "Indo".

Current Adhesive overprinted with Geneva Cross and "5c" in carmine.
5c+5c green and black.

JAMAICA.—A resetting of type has been made for the December printings of War Stamps, and while the type shows the same general characteristics of that used previously, the printing is much heavier, and not nearly so clear. A spaced S and TAMP variety occurs on all three values. This is the 55th stamp of the right hand pane for the 3d, and probably the same numbered stamp of pane 2 for the ½d and 1½d. The latter two are overprinted in sheets of 240, while the 3d comes in sheets of 120. A further variety consists of a clearly printed vertical line, 2 mm. in height, in front of the word WAR. This also appears on all three values; 49th on pane 4 of the ½d and 1½d and probably in the same position on the right hand pane, for the 3d.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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NICARAGUA.—"Quite a few articles were published lately in the WEEKLY on the Cordoba stamps, but none mentioned about these stamps being used in halves. I'm in possession of four copies of these, Scott's Nos. 321, 322, 324 and 336, the latter with the familiar New Orleans cancellation. All are diagonal halves used on pieces of cover. Does anyone know more particulars about same?"—S. MITTLER.

We have seen a cover with a pair of 2c 1914 issue and a diagonal half of another, making the 5c rate from this country, submitted by Frank C. Davis.

OCEANICA SETTLEMENTS *(French Oceanica).—Stamp Collecting* says, "A decree of August 5th states that 120,000 examples of the current 15c stamp have been surcharged '10'. In the course of printing thirty sheets of 25 stamps each had to be destroyed on account of defective work, which reduces the number of impressions to 119,250.

In the meantime between July 20 and August 5, it was decided to utilize the remainders of the stock of Red Cross stamps as ordinary adhesives, and a Decree was accordingly promulgated from Papeete, authorizing these to be sold at 10c each, with postal validity to that extent. In other offices, however, the price of the Red Cross specimens remained at 15c.

What an El Dorado for speculators."

RUANDA.—*Scott's Circular* says, "This is the name of a district of German East Africa bordering on Belgian Congo. It has been occupied by the Belgian forces and stamps of Congo have been overprinted "Ruanda" for use of the troops there.

TOGO.—We note from *Stamp Collecting* that, "The complete series of the current Dahomey stamps, 1c to 5fr has been overprinted at the Government Printing Establishment, Boulevard Brune, Paris, with the words 'TOGO, OCCUPATION FRANCO - ANGLAISE,' for use in this occupied territory."

WURTEMBERG.—According to *New England Stamp Monthly*: "Wurtemberg has issued two sets of official stamps of a commemorative character. The regular official set, headed STAATSMARKE, bears a three-quarter portrait of King William II, with the dates 1891 and 1916, the set being issued on October 6th, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his reign. The set for district officials is oblong with the royal arms in the center flanked by the two dates and BERZIRKMARKE at the bottom. Geneva Crosses in the lower corners indicate that the proceeds of the sale of these latter stamps will go to the Red Cross funds and it is understood that the same remark applies to the other set. The district stamps have values of 2½, 7½, 10, 20, 25 and 50 pfennig, while the regular officials have the same values with 15, 30 and 40 pfennig and 1 mark added. The two official sets in ordinary use have had the new values of 2½, 7½ and 15 pfennig added to each.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

B. N. A.

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

NOTE.

My thanks are due to the many correspondents who have kindly sent suggestions and corrections. Owing to pressure of business it has not been possible to reply to each letter individually but all suggestions will be acted on in due course.—B. W. H. P.

(Continued from page 451.)

ALLESANDRI, M.—A Florentine engraver who engraved the dies for the first stamps of Tuscany and also manufactured the electrotypes composing the plates from which the Grand Ducal Printing Office, of Florence, printed the stamps.

ALMAGUER.—A town in Cauca, Colombia, with a population of about 7,000. In 1890 a set of three stamps purporting to be a provisional issue for this town were recorded in the philatelic journals of the day but even as locals the status of these labels seems more than doubtful.

ALOISIO, T. JUVARA.—See Juvara, T. Aloisio.

ALSACE AND LORRAINE.—An important territory of tne German Empire, forming its southwest border next to France. The German name for the provinces is "Elsass-Lothringen", and they have had a somewhat chequered history. Originally part of the old German empire, the territory was partly transferred to and partly seized by France between 1648 and 1697. In the Franco-German war of 1870-1 it was reclaimed by Germany. During this war special stamps were issued for the use of the German Army in those parts of France temporarily occupied and they were afterwards used provisionally in the annexed provinces of Alsace and Lorraine until superseded by the ordinary stamps of the German Empire. The stamps bear no name but consist of the word "POSTES" and value in centimes on a network background.

ALVEZ, V.—A Portuguese engraver who engraved the frames for the Portuguese stamps of 1882-87 and 1892.

ALWAR or ALWUR.—One of the native feudatory States of India situated in the Rajputana district. It has an area of over 3000 square miles and a population of about 800,000. It is under the rule of a Maharajah who is one of those native princes entitled to a salute of fifteen guns. Postage stamps were first issued in 1877 and they were withdrawn from use about the end of 1902.

AMAZONIA.—Early in 1901 a series of four labels of somewhat elaborate design were chronicled as having been issued for use in Amazonia which can only be construed as the basin of the River Amazon. The labels had a highly ornate border, were inscribed "Amazonie", value in numerals, and "Poste" and though it was at first thought they were a genuine issue of private locals further enquiry elicited the fact that they were simply a bogus speculative issue. As they are still occasionally met with, the following excerpt is interesting:—

"During the time when the dispute as to the Franco-Brazilian boundary was being submitted to arbitration, the Railway Company of Cassewéne took it into its head to issue Amazonian postage stamps, with the excuse that neither France nor Brazil had established a post-office there; these stamps never had any official existence and they were never recognised at Cayenne. .....At the present time the stamps of Brazil are those current at Cassewéne, but there is still no post-office there. Ordinary correspondence is handed to the captain of a little steamer which plies more or less irregularly between Cayenne and Cassewéne. The agents of the company usually have their letters sent through the company's representative at Cayenne."

AMAZONIE.—See Amazonia.

AMERICA CENTRAL.—An inscription shown upon some of the stamps of Salvador, referring to the geographical position of the republic.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY.—A well-known New York firm of printers and engravers who produced all the United States stamps from 1879 until 1894. The Company has also produced numerous of the stamps of Newfoundland, Hayti, various South and Central American Republics, while the Canadian branch of the firm has produced all the stamps of Canada issued since 1868. The Continental Bank Note Co., which held the United States stamp printing contract from May, 1873, was absorbed by the American Bank Note Co. in 1879.

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CHAPTER IX.—*The Issue of 1897.*

While all these provisional stamps were being issued, the new permanent series was being manufactured in Tokio by a Japanese firm (the Tokio Tsu Kiji Company ?). A set of twelve stamps in three different designs was ordered, the artist being R. A. de Villard of the Customs Statistical Department, who had designed the commemorative stamps of 1894. The new stamps were lithographed on the same watermarked paper as was used for the preceding issues, and were printed in sheets of 240—twelve panes in three horizontal rows of four, each pane having twenty stamps in five rows of four. There is a space of 5 mm. between the horizontal panes and two lines of perforation are run down through this space, the resulting little extra "tag" often being found attached to either the right or left side of a stamp. Sometimes a pair of stamps is found, one from each pane, with the little "tag" between them proving a puzzle to the uninitiated. The sheets of the dollar values are stated to have had only one horizontal row of four panes, making 80 stamps to the sheet.

The stamps were perforated by a single-line or "guillotine" machine, which so often is the cause of "part perforates", but the only variety known of this kind is the 2 cent stamp, which not only comes imperforate horizontally, but also wholly imperforate. The perforation gauges between 11 and 12 somewhat irregularly, but may be averaged at about 11½.

There are three so-called errors of color in the set, the 50 cents in dark green, the color of the 10 cents, being the best known. It is said that only one sheet of 240 stamps was thus printed. The other two are the 2 cents in deep yellow, the color of the 1 cent, instead of its normal color of orange red; and the 4 cents in an olive bistre instead of the normal brown. These last two may possibly be chemical changelings, but Mr. Hart-Lovelace states that he has seen an undoubtedly mint copy of the 4 cents, which would seem to make it a real error in color. I have also seen the 20 cents in a dull brown, a quite noticeable change from the usual deep maroon, and this also may be an error of color.







The three different designs for the series consisted of *(a)* a circular band enclosing the rampant dragon with his fiery "pearl", and bearing two legends, Chinese above and English beneath. The former is the usual *Ta Ch'ing Kuo Yu Chêng,* or "Imperial Chinese Postal Service", and the latter reads, "Imperial Chinese Post." The Chinese value occupies the upper corners and Arabic figures the lower corners, between which the value is expressed in words in English. The frame differs slightly for each of the six values from ½ cent to 10 cents, the latter having the Chinese value reading *i chiao* or "1 dime". At the top of each stamp is represented the *wan nien ch'ing* or Chinese immortelle. *(b)* The second design shows a carp or "messenger fish" in the center with the inscriptions on curved bands above and beneath. The Chinese value in the upper corners is expressed in "dimes", with the *mou tan* or giant peony shown between. The Arabic figures of value are at each side in this design and the value in English words at the bottom. *(c)* The third design gives a new subject —*Nung,* the wild goose, on the wing. The story is that an Emperor of China once sent an ambassador to the sovereign of a country at the North. The ambassador was treacherously detained and reduced to the position of a cattle

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The stamps of this Japanese made issue superseded the provisional issue on August 16, 1897, according to Mr. Mencarini. Thereupon the remainders of the surcharged stamps were called in and destroyed, as previously stated. But the workmanship of the Japanese stamps not being deemed satisfactory, an order was placed for a better executed series in the same designs with the firm of Waterlow and Sons of London. The Japanese issue therefore proved short lived, though the Waterlow stamps replaced it only as the former stamps became exhausted.

The reference list is as follows:—

August 16, 1897. Perf. 11 to 12. Watermarked.

½ cent, brown violet, claret,	481,200
1 cent, yellow,	433,200
2 cents, orange red,	1,248,000
Imperforate.	
Imperforate horizontally.	
Error (?) yellow.	
4 cents, yellow brown, dark br'n,	912,000
Error (?) olive bistre.	
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10 cents, dark green,	360,000
20 cents, maroon,	168,000
Error (?) dull brown.	
30 cents, carmine,	168,000
50 cents, yellow green,	360,000
Error, dark green,	240
1 dollar, carmine and rose,	51,600
2 dollars, orange and yellow,	12,930
5 dollars, yellow green and pink,	7,200

Used copies of the high values are rather scarce, particularly the 5 dollar stamp. This is partly explained by their use on "Remittance Certificates" or money orders which kept them in the post office records. The cancellations used on this series were the same as employed for the provisional issue that preceded it.

CHAPTER X.—*The Issue of 1898.*

As explained in the last chapter, the Japanese made stamps proved unsatisfactory and another series was ordered of Messrs. Waterlow and Sons of London. The same designs as before were followed, but were more artistically worked out. All the values from ½ cent to 10 cents now have the same detail, and the groundwork of all the stamps consists of a geometrical tracery called "engine-turned" work. The English inscription, however, now reads, "Chinese Imperial Post" instead of "Imperial Chinese Post". The dies were engraved on steel and copper plates made therefrom. The sheet arrangement for the cent values was again in three rows of four panes each, the panes having as before five rows of four stamps each; there were thus 20 stamps to a pane and 240 to the sheet. The panes were separated horizontally by a space of 7 mm. and vertically by one of 25 mm. The dollar values were in "panes" of 48, six rows of eight, but whether the "sheet" had more than one of these panes no one seems to know. It may be noticed that *five* of these "panes" would give a "sheet" of the same number of stamps (240) as the cent values.







The stamps were printed on a paper similar to that used for the preceding issue and having the same watermark, but as the engraved impression is heavier and the size of the watermark is nearly the same as the circle in the center of some of the stamps, the watermark is often hard to make out. The paper, however, is thin enough so that the design of the stamps can be seen quite distinctly through it, and this is, perhaps, the best test for this London series on watermarked paper.

The perforation is in the usual irregular small hole type found on Messrs. Waterlow's productions, and runs from 12 to 16. Mr. Hart-Lovelace has separated it into the work of four machines, but has combined these under three heads: *(a)* 14 with a variation of 12 to 13, *(b)* 14½ to 15, and *(c)* 15½ to 16. As most all the values have been found in all three divisions, and as the Waterlow perforation is generally considered a first class Chinese puzzle in itself, we will simply list the set of stamps as it stands and let those interested work on the perforations as suits their fancy.

The fact that the perforating was done by single line machines, however, has given rise to a considerable number of part perforated varieties which will be found noted in the reference list.

These London made stamps were brought into use as the Japanese made stamps became exhausted, and Mr. Mencarini gives the date when the first one appeared as January 28, 1898. This was the 1 cent stamp. The next to follow was the ½ cent stamp, which must have been issued about the first of July. The 10 cent stamp came next in about a month's time and then followed the other values, so that by the end of the year all the Waterlow series was in use, though many values of the Japanese series were used concurrently.

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inscriptions. The cut illustrates that of Canton. The Chinese inscription is simply the name of the city, which in this case reads "Kwang Chow," the native name of Canton.

CHANGES OF PRICES.

Scott's *Circular* announces certain changes of prices of stamps listed in the 1917 edition of the standard catalog, with reasons for the reductions in quotations.

In the case of the Philippines it is reported that "high values of the current issue are becoming plentiful on account of the recent increase of parcel post shipments to the U. S."

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Facts have to be hunted for at random for the most part; this is particularly true of the western portion of our country, where in the early dates of its history the great majority of letters were carried by private companies and express riders.

Occasionally a "find" comes as a surprise. Such an event showing the antiquity of the post and express service, happened recently while engaged in an inspection of the Bible. See Jeremiah II, 31.

It therefore seems we can with the utmost propriety place the Holy Book at the head of a list of books of reference in our philatelic library.

I wish to mention two other works that all students and collectors of United States stamps and locals should include in their libraries; unfortunately they are out of print, and very hard to find.

One is entitled "Waifs from the Waybills of an Old Expressman", by T. W. Tucker, Boston, 1872. It is a compact little volume of 143 pages containing matter pertinent to the express and local business as far back as 1811, in the days of the old Burrell Line of Salem and Boston stages.

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21	.15	.12	45a	.75	.12	80	.15	.08
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22B	..	.80	47	.60	.10	74-81	.65	.25
23	.65	.25	48	.55	.05	82	.04*	.0½
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U. S. 1916, 2c PERF. 10x11.

By J. MURRAY BARTELS.

It seems only fair to Philately and future collectors that those who are in a position to publish facts concerning stamps likely to become coveted rarities of the future should not keep such information for themselves to be forgotten as memory dims or time claims its own.

Among such stamps are the several compound perforation varieties, 1915 1c and 2c perf. 12x10 and the recently discovered 2c perf. 10x11 just listed as No. 388a in Scott's *Circular*. We have heard considerable about the 1c of which a badly centered block of something less than twenty copies was found and sold at a good price, also a number of well centered copies of same stamp precancelled Dayton, Ohio. Little is known about the 2c perf. 12x10 and we have yet to hear of any unused blocks of same.

The story of the latest discovery in this line, namely the 2c perf. 10x11, is as follows: When complaints were continually received concerning the newly introduced perf. 10, an experiment was made at the Bureau with a machine having the perforating wheels set to produce what philately terms perforation 11. A small printing was made in 1915 and the stamps were placed on sale at the Washington office. It is now known that this perforation has been officially adopted and is soon to appear on stamps printed on unwatermarked paper. Quite evidently at least half of a full sheet of 400 must have been perforated vertically on this experimental machine and in some unintentional manner finished on one of the regular perf. 10 machines.

A well-known druggist of Newark, until recently a collector of shades in blocks of four, was calling on a friend, in Elizabeth, N. J., not a stamp collector, who had been receiving small remittances in postage for some entomological specimens in the study of which both were interested. Seeing this little lot of 2c stamps, he asked for a block which he might find was different from any he had. Upon closer inspection he noticed the difference in the spacing of the holes and told his friend to lay all of them aside carefully, as they might become rare and valuable. This was in August, 1916. Little was done in the matter in the meantime as both were busy men, but recently, after the sale of the druggist's collection, the matter was taken up again. Fortunately this lot, unlike the unused 1c perf. 12x10, consisted of rather well centered copies throughout, a total of 67 stamps. Of these 60 were perforated on all four sides and seven have one straight edge at right. One copy was badly creased and one is used. The majority have already found their way into large specialized collections in blocks of four. It might therefore be said that as far as the visible supply is concerned they will compare favorably with the Pan-American 2c inverted center, of which 53 unused copies were saved. We have also seen two used copies of the latter, one of them the scarlet shade, proving that at least another sheet must have been issued and used at a later date, the scarlet shade being the last issued.

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The above list of dealers represents the royal boosters. These dealers have all sent in more than ten subscriptions to the WEEKLY since Oct. 1, and we not only consider it a pleasure but a duty to publicly recognize the manner in which they are helping the WEEKLY. If you order any stamps from any of these firms during the coming week, just tell them that you appreciate what they are doing to extend the influence of the WEEKLY. While we have dignified those who have sent in more than ten subscriptions, we want at the same time to express our appreciation of the work done by the others who are on our honor roll. The standing on Saturday, Jan. 20th, was as follows:—

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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335, 9, 40, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4a, 5, 6..... 10

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Ejercito Issue

347, 8, 9..... 3

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354, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 60, 1 8

Perforated Transitorio

369, 369a 2

GCM Issue

370, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, some values in three different colors of overprint.. 14

Denver Issue

381, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8..... 8

Coach Seal Issue

389, 90, 1, 1a, 2, 3, 3a, 4 8

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395, 6, 7, 8 4

Anvil Seal Issue

399, 400 2

Oaxaca Issue

405, 6, 7, 8, 9 5

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411, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20..... 10

Villa GCM Issue

428, 9, 30, 2, 9, 40 6

Carranza GCM Issue

444, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 50, 1 8

1915 Rouletted Issue

455, 6, 7, 8, 9, 60 6

1915-16 Perforated Issue

461, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 9

So many of the latest issues have not yet been numbered and given space in the catalog that we refer to them by the denomination only. All offered here, however, are listed in the Monthly Circular.

G. P. de M. on 1910 Issue

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20c 8

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1916, 4, 7, 12, 23, 38, 5 var.	.35	
"K. U. K." 1915, 2, 3, 5, 6h..	.18	
Regular, 1915, 1h to 25h	.38	
Belgium, Red Cross, 1914 small, 5 and 10c	.16	
1914, large, 5c	.25	
1915, large head, 5, 10, 20c ..	.27	
Bosnia, "K.U.K." 1912-14, 1, 2, 3h	.04	
Same, 5, 10, 20, 35, 40 and 60..		.25
1915, Red Cross, 7 and 12h..	.09	
1916, Red Cross, 7 and 12h ..	.08	
Br. Honduras, "Moire", 1, 2 & 5c	.16	
Cameroons, English Occupation, ½d on 3pf	.30	
½d on 5pf	.20	
1d on 10pf	.30	
2d on 20pf	1.00	
French Occupation on Middle Congo, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25 & 30c	.30	
1c to 1fc, 14 var.	1.90	
Canada, War Tax, 1c green	.02	.01
War Tax, 2c red	.04	.01
War Tax, 2+1c red	.06	.03
War Tax, 2+1c brown	.05	.02
Dahomey, Red Cross, 10+5	.08	.08
Dominica 1916, War Tax, ½d	.10	
Dutch Indies, Red Cross, 1+5c..	.05	
Red Cross, 5+5c	.08	
Red Cross, 10+5c	.13	
Fiji 1916, War Tax, ½d	.02	
1916, War Tax, 1d	.04	
France, Red Cross, 10+5, surchg.	.09	
Red Cross, 10+5, permanent	.06	
Red Cross, Alexandria, 10+5	.07	
Red Cross, Port Said, 10+5..	.07	
French Guiana, Red Cross, 10+5	.06	
Guinea, Red Cross, 10+5 ..	.08	
India, Red Cross, 10+5	.18	
Oceanica, Local sur. 10+5..	.27	
Oceanica, Paris sur. 10+5 ..	.06	
Germany, Belgium, 3, 5, 10, 25,50c		.27
Poland, 3, 5, 10, 20, 40pf	.45	
Lithuania, 3, 5, 10, 20, 40 ..	.45	
Grenada, War Tax, 1d	.04	
Guadeloupe, Red Cross, 10+5 ..	.06	
Hungary, Charity, '13,1f-10f,6 var.	.25	
1913, 1f to 50f, 13 var.	1.17	
1913, 1k	.50	
1915, 1f to 30f, 11 var.	.65	
1915, 1f to 60f, 14 var.	1.30	
1915, 1f to 5k, 17 var.		3.90
India 1914, I. E. F. 3p to 12a..	1.25	
Indo-China, Red Cross, 1915, local sur. 10+5	.10	
1915, Paris sur. 10+5	.06	
Italy 1915, Red Cross, 15, 20, 25	.20	
1915, Red Cross, 20 on 15+5	.10	
Libia, 10+5 and 20+5	.15	
Libia, 20 on 15+5	.10	
Somali, 10+5 and 20+5	.15	
Ivory Coast, Red Cross, 10+5 ..	.10	.08
Jamaica, War Tax, ½d	.03	
War Tax, 1½d	.06	
War Tax, 3d	.12	
Liberia, Red Cross, 2c+3c on 10c	.08	
Red Cross, same official	.08	
Madagascar, Red Cross, 10+5 ..	.06	.07
Martinique, Red Cross, 10+5 ..	.06	.08
Mauritania, Red Cross, 10+5 ..	.08	.09
Middle Congo, Red Cross, **Black** 10+5	.90	
Red Cross, red 10+5	.06	
Monaco 1914, Red Cross, 10+5 ..	.06	
Morocco, Protectorate, 5+5 green	.04	
Protectorate, 10+5 red	.07	
French stp. sur. Maroc 10+5	.06	
New Caledonia, Local sur. 10+5	.15	
New Zealand, War Stamp, ½d....	.02	
N. W. Pacific Islands on Australia ½d	.06	
1d	.09	
2½d	.14	
2d	.12	
Reunion 1915, local print, 10+5..	.15	
1915, Paris print, 10+5	.06	
Russia, 1k colored paper	.03	
3k colored paper	.05	
7k colored paper	.10	.09
1k white paper	.03	
10k white paper	.12	
St. Lucia, War Tax, 1d	.04	
St. Pierre et Miquelon, 10+5.....	.12	.12
St. Vincent, war stamp, 1d	.04	
Senegal, Red Cross (obs.) 10+5	.10	
Somali Coast, Red Cross, 10+5	.08	.08
Switzerland, 1915, 1c on 2c	.01	.01
1915, 13c on 12c	.05	.02
1915, 13c on 15c	.05	.02
Togo on Gold Coast, Local print ¼d	.04	
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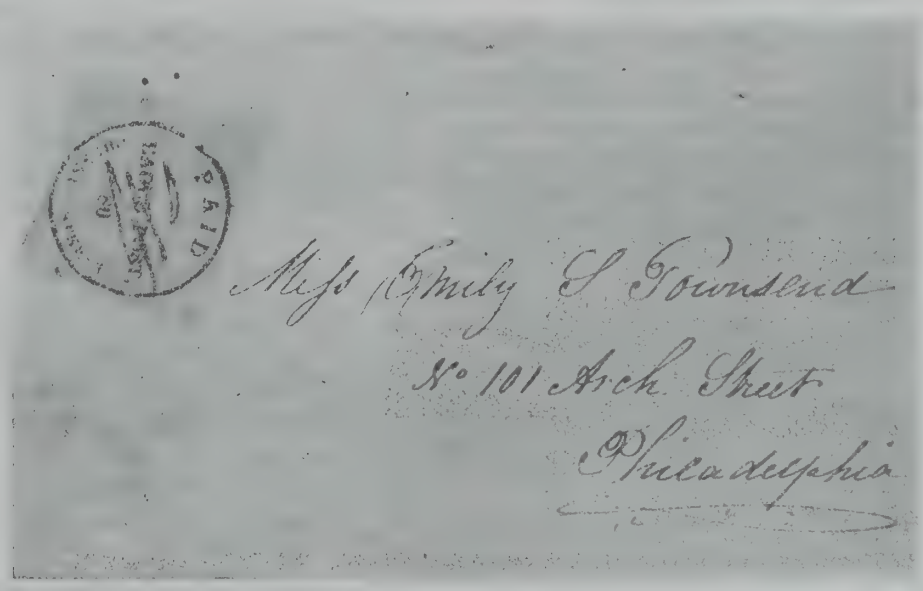
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THE EAGLE POST, AN INTERESTING LOCAL.



We illustrate herewith a most interesting local upon the original cover. It was obtained by Eugene Klein from the collection of the late S. Townsend Stackhouse of Philadelphia, who found it in the correspondence belonging to his family and owned by him for many years. It is the copy from which the original listing and illustration in Scott's catalog was made under No. 2460a. The stamp is printed in black on thin bluish paper and initialed "W. S." in red ink in manuscript. So far as known no other copy exists.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The American Philatelic Press Club in December elected the following: Pres., C. A. Howes; V. Pres., C. W. Kissinger; Sec., E. L. Clark; Treas., H. A. Waters; Int. Sec., L. H. Kjellstedt; Directors, B. W. H. Poole, W. M. Simpson.

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—The Vermont Philatelic Society has been re-organized and application made for a charter branch of the N. P. S.

—A meeting of collectors took place Jan. 10 in New Haven, Conn., and formed the New Haven Philatelic Society. The following officers were elected for 1917:—Pres., M. Ray Sanborn, Librarian of Yale University; Vice-Pres., Edwin B. Brown; Sec.-Treas., Wm. H. Hitchings, 48 Taylor Ave., E. Haven, Conn. Application was made for a branch charter to the N. P. S.

—George Holden, for a number of years secretary of the New York Philatelic Exchange Society, Branch No. 3, N. P. S., has gone to England. Mr. Holden was elected the first Honorary member of Branch No. 3 for the good work he has done. H. M. Eisfelder was elected secretary.

—The new dealer book by Bill Bloss has been well received and favorably commented upon. The price is only 10c and the book should be in the hands of every dealer.

—"In regard to Mrs. A. Calfkea and Edw. Evans, will say that I have already heard from two other dealers, one of whom has been defrauded by Mrs. Calfkea and the other by Evans. There is no doubt about their being dead beats. This is especially true of Mrs. Calfkea, who is making a business of defrauding dealers. Edw. Evans seems to have been honest until recently. He moved to New York from Lykens, Pa., and has not been heard from since."—E. A. SOUTHWICK.

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—The annual meeting and banquet of the Twin City Philatelic Society was held at the Andrews Hotel on the evening of January 13. Fifteen members were present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. E. Guest; V. Pres., Dr. J. M. Armstrong; Sec.-Treas., L. R. Sours, 86 So. 8th St., Minneapolis. Preliminary plans for the entertainment of the S. P. A. convention to be held there in August were discussed and it was decided to start at once to make the convention an event long to be remembered in philatelic history. Don't forget the dates, August 7, 8, 9, 1917.

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By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

CHAPTER VII.—*Color.*

Most of the stamps of the first issue come in various shades, and nearly all of these shades are named in the reference list in the Boston Book. Some of the shades were the result of scarcity of color materials due to the Civil War; others occurred because mixing inks to match shades exactly is so difficult and still others were intentional. By comparing many specimens and noting the dates of the cancellations, a fairly good idea of the time when certain shades were in use can be obtained. The private die stamps are of considerable help in this respect because the dates of issue of nearly all are available—see the Boston Book—and the time during which each of the varieties of paper was in use is known.

For example, if a certain shade of green is found on a $3 Charter Party stamp printed on the experimental silk paper, we may reasonably expect to find private die stamps printed in green on "ex" silk paper in the same shade and if a private die stamp known to have been printed at a certain time is found in a certain shade of green, a $3 Charter Party in the same shade was printed likely enough at the same period. Obviously we cannot be sure in every case, but it is not extremely difficult to obtain results that closely approximate the truth in most cases. This applies particularly to reds, greens and blues, and less so to orange and violet shades, since so few of these were used on the private die stamps. Fortunately, the regular revenues catalogued in violet that vary the most in shade are both common, and plenty of material for study is easily obtained. These are the 4c Proprietary and the $2.50 Inland Exchange. Shades and tints of both of them are so numerous one may have quite a hunt to find two copies that look just alike. Part of the variation in shade is due of course to fading and chemical changes to which violet and mauve colors are subject, but there is no doubt the stamps varied in color when printed and it does not seem possible many of the 4c Proprietary were printed in the mixture of blue and red, with blue predominating, that is usually called violet. Neither were they printed in the mixture of blue and red in which red predominates that is called purple. Most of them are slate—bluish, greenish, brownish, pale, medium, dark or very dark—much like the 24c postage of 1862-67. Probably many of them were lilac when printed. Possibly those occasionally found in green were so printed but none of the green 4c seen by the writer match any of the green shades found on the denominations known to have been printed in green and all of the green or greenish 4c seen look as though something had happened to them. The same applies with equal force to specimens of the 30c, $1.90 and $2.50 sometimes found in greenish shades.

The scarcer shades of the 4c proprietary on the thin old paper are those nearest approaching violet, the dark bluish slate, the slate black and the brown. The brown may be an error, but does not exactly match any of the shades used on the 4c Inland Exchange. Copies seen were of a clear, full color and did not look as though tampered with. The reddish shades are usually found on the medium thick paper of 1869 to 1871 and are not so plentiful as the slate shades of the earlier printings. They are called mauve and range from pale to deep. The color is apt to be rather dull, but once in a while a brilliant copy may be found.

The earlier printings of the $2.50 Inland Exchange were in a tint that may be termed violet, and it is the only tint found on this stamp that is bluish. Perforated copies in this tint are not as common as those in grayish shades, and as late as 1865 it appears to have still been in use. From around 1865 until about 1869 there are shades galore—most of them grayish and many of them changelings from atmospheric or other causes. The most striking is a very dark brownish tint called deep brown violet in the Boston Book. That is as good a description as can be had, but does not impress one as does the stamp itself when encountered for the first time. The stamp is well-nigh irresistible—every time you look at it you think you hear a brass band.

As with the 4c Proprietary, the later printings of the $2.50 Inland Exchange are in the reddish shade called mauve. They vary considerably, and those in a sort of dark claret are indeed handsome. It is unlikely any of the reddish stamps were printed before 1869 and possibly not before the early part of 1870. Copies on the experimental silk paper, therefore, would be found only in the reddish group of shades. There seems to have been a determined effort to keep the colors of the $2.50 and the $1.90 distinct, and at no time does it appear that the same ink was used for both of these stamps. The early $2.50 stamps are bluish and the $1.90 stamps of the same period are all reddish—later when the reddish $2.50 stamps were issued the $1.90 was printed in a dark violet with a brownish tint. This color is not found on any other denomination of the violet-lilac-mauve group.

The commonest shades of the 30c Foreign Exchange and 30c Inland Exchange are the slates, and they run all the way from light to dark. There are more shades on the Inland Exchange 30c than on the Foreign Exchange, which indicates fewer printings of the latter. The violet and lilac tints are less common, especially those on which the tint is strong enough to be termed a definite shade or color. The blackish slate shade is worth hunting for, and may not exist on the Foreign Exchange. Printings of both of the 30c were made in 1870 or 1871 in brownish claret corresponding to the later printings of the 4c Proprietary and $2.50 Inland Exchange. All of the 30c in brown claret seen by the writer were cancelled August or September, 1871, if the date was present or legible. As a rule, though, these stamps and the later printings of all the stamps of the first issue have "herringbone" or other cut cancellations so commonly found on the succeeding issues.

CHAPTER VIII.—*Reds, Greens, Blues.*

The red stamps do not vary greatly in shade until about 1869, the difficulty in obtaining a set of all the titles of any denomination in the same shade being largely due to fading and oxidation rather than to differences in the ink itself. There are occasional exceptions, such as the imperforate 25c Life Insurance in dull rose, the clear deep red $5 Conveyance and Charter Party, and the perforated 25c Life Insurance in brown. The latter was the result of grinding red in a color mill in which black had previously been ground, for at the time it occurred—1864—Butler & Carpenter did not have enough grinding mills to use a separate mill for each color and in this case the red was put in the mill without cleaning the mill. The $5 Probate exists only in dull red and it is doubtful if any were printed as late as 1869. The $25 Mortgage can be found both perforate and imperforate in orange vermilion and scarlet vermilion, so there must have been more than one printing of the imperforate stamps.

From about 1869 rosy shades of red are met with on the 1c, 5c, 20c and 25c values, while on the $1, $2 and $5 stamps the shades run more toward orange and vermilion and the thicker and experimental silk papers are always, or nearly always, found with these shades. The $1 Inland Exchange is common in orange red, and the Entry of Goods and Conveyance are

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not rare, but Foreign Exchange, Mortgage, Manifest, Passage Ticket, Power of Attorney and Probate of Will are not found in vermilion or orange shades, and therefore are believed to have been out of print if not out of use by or before 1869. At least one printing of the $1 Life Insurance was made about 1870. The color is an exceedingly rich deep red, approaching lake, and the paper is soft, porous and of medium thickness. Stamps of this printing are far from common.

The $20 Conveyance comes in the widest range of shades of the orange stamps, particularly imperforate. It includes almost every shade from yellow orange to a red orange that is nearly scarlet but is often oxidized to brown or black. The scarlet vermilion is the scarcer shade of the perforated stamps, and is very much like one of the shades of the $25 Mortgage.

The greens vary widely, especially on the 3c Proprietary, with the $50 stamp a close second. On the $10 values only two shades are found—bluish green and dark green, and as none of this denomination come on medium thick, very thick, or experimental silk paper, we may consider none to have been printed after 1870. Probably at first the shades of the two $3 stamps were kept distinct intentionally, since all the imperforate $3 Manifests are in a dull bluish green, while the imperforate $3 Charter Party stamps are always in a beautiful clear dark shade. The first printings of each of these stamps were made within a few days of each other in December, 1862.

There are at least two distinct shades of green on the $200 stamps, and the red may be either scarlet or carmine. The scarlet goes with the yellow green, while the carmine is listed with the darker green. Both of the two combinations are known perforated and imperforate. Most of the $200 stamps were probably printed before 1869, as they are almost always on the thin, old paper. Copies on the experimental silk paper or very thick paper are not known.

The blue stamps as a group deserve far more attention than they usually receive, for few collectors realize how closely the greatly admired stamps of the second issue are connected with them. The experiments with the blue stamps of the first issue to obtain a satisfactory shade that would not permit the cancellations to be washed off and the stamps re-used, appear to have finally resulted in the extraordinary combination of inks and paper found in the second issue. From early in their use there was criticism of the blue stamps because cancellations did not show up well on them and because the blue was so permanent that cancellations could be removed without defacing the stamps. Until 1869, however, the shades vary only slightly. During that year Mr. Carpenter began to use ultramarine, which is far less permanent than the blue previously used, and being much lighter in shade, cancellations would show on it distinctly. In the latter part of 1869 the records seem to indicate that the ultramarine was made somewhat darker, and this accounts to some extent for the great difference in shade of many of the ultramarine stamps. Of course, much of the difference in these shades is due to the color itself being so fugitive.

Only six of the documentary and general proprietary stamps are known in ultramarine. They are the 2c Proprietary, 10c Contract and Foreign Exchange, 50c Conveyance and Surety Bond, and the $15 Mortgage. The last comes in a very handsome violet shade not at all resembling the pale, washed-out-looking tint with which the 10c Foreign Exchange is identified. But although they vary so greatly from each other, there is an unmistakable purplish tint about all the ultramarines by which they can be distinguished from any of the blue shades.

None of the private proprietary stamps appear to have been printed in ultramarine after October, 1869, as on October 30 Mr. Carpenter advised the commissioner of internal revenue that for some time past these had been printed as they were originally, that is, in blue. Probably the use of ultramarine on any of the match and medicine stamps did not extend over more than a few months—if so long—for the commonest of them are far too rare for a considerable quantity to have been printed. Of some of them only two or three copies are known to exist, and the writer is informed only one copy of the 4c Ayer medicine stamp has been found. The Henning & Bonhack Match stamp is catalogued in ultramarine, but the most careful search has failed to reveal a satisfactory copy.

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THE PUBLISHERS.

EDITORIAL.

Special—We are celebrating the present prosperity of philately by issuing a number that is replete with reading matter that will appeal to our readers. On occasions our advertising columns trespass on our reading preserves and we strive to maintain a fair adjustment by issuing a number larger than usual, at times. The great activity in philately is reflected in the columns of the present number, and it is certain that we have never seen before so irresistible an onward sweep of stamp collecting. We need not concern ourselves with the causes for this happy state of affairs now that the pleasant results are so apparent, but it is incumbent upon all of us who have served in philately for years to resolve that we shall do our share to make the newer collectors feel welcome, by cordial treatment. There are many little ways by which we may show our good-will to the newcomers who must have the road made easy for them to become permanent philatelists.

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Translation—A translation from a Mexican paper reads: "In order to have a personal interview with the first Chief in relation to the postal service, Mr. Cosme Hinojosa (Director General de Correos) left Mexico City yesterday *en route* to Queretaro by railroad. Senor Hinojosa is carrying with him a complete and artistic album containing all the different types of stamps issued by Constitutionalist Government which is to be delivered personally as a demonstration of kindness and respect of the corps of employees of the postal division of the country."

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Label—On a registered letter from Peru, we find on the reverse a seal that while having no franking significance is not without interest. A sticker in red shows the post office at Lima, with "Cierre de Seguridad" above and "Para la Correspondencia Certificada" below. The seal secured the flaps on the reverse of the envelope and at either end of the label was the registration cancellation. From the wording, the label is a "seal of security for registered correspondence."

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Brazil—We have received a singularly interesting budget of correspondence on the subject of Brazil from Mr. Hugh C. Barr, Buffalo, New York, editor of *La Hacienda*, who is traveling in South America, studying economic and other conditions in different of the republics. Recently Mr. Barr sent us a few words from Sao Paulo, Brazil, but at the time he had not yet seen the wonderful collection of Dr. Pedroso, which proved to be a rich revelation of specialization in the issues of Brazil. To quote Mr. Barr: "It was complete in every detail, with many magnificent things in the way of pairs, blocks, etc., of the early issues and entire sheets of later issues, including many oddities and varieties of which we have little knowledge in the U. S. In addition to Brazil, Dr. Pedroso has a general collection of over 20,000 varieties, including a display of United States that would put many of us to shame back home, as in it, items such as shades of the 5 cent, 1851, used 90 cent, 1857, departments, etc., abound. In addition to this collection, I was told of many others even of more importance, but regret that I was unable to view these through lack of time." We may add that Sao Paulo, the second city of Brazil, is flourishing and progressive and in the estimation of some observers is destined to become the largest city of Brazil.

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Rio—The observations of Mr. Barr on philatelic conditions in the Brazilian capital, Rio Janeiro, are prefatory to an interesting and intelligent dissertation on those reigning favorites in philately, the first and second issues of Brazil, not to mention later ones. Mr. Barr says: "In Rio Janeiro, I was surprised at the interest manifested in philately. A great many of the stationery and cigar stores display approval sheets, packets, etc., in their windows, and the ubiquitous small boy collector is to be seen gazing at these with rapture, and hesitating whether he will spend his 500 reis for the Nyassa set or for a packet of 100 varieties from all parts of the world. For the unsuspecting tourist there are also displayed copies of the first issue of Brazil, the 30, 60 and 90 reis, apparently in fine condition and at astoundingly low prices. A close examination by the keen philatelic eye, however, reveals the fact that these are all skillfully mended copies, undoubtedly sent over here from Europe, just to betray the unwary. Passing from these to the real philatelic establishments, of which there are several with ground floor locations, one finds not only good stocks but also an advanced philatelic knowledge along all lines but more especially with respect to the stamps of Brazil. The first issue and the high values of the second issue are in demand by local collectors at high prices, and anything in the way of pairs, strips and blocks is sold within twenty-four hours after it comes into the dealer's hands. Not one of the dealers had in stock a fine copy of the 90 reis of the first issue, although plenty of damaged copies were to be had cheap. I was told that fine copies sell at catalogue price quite readily."

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Seals—In Dr. Gray's "hand catalogue of postage stamps" printed in London, England, in 1862, we find the note: "The stamps are used as seals over the flap of the envelopes; they are, therefore, often overlooked by our Post Offices." This information followed the list of the Brazilian stamps that were known to Dr. Gray up to that time, although in the first set of the "Brazils" only the 30 and 60 reis are mentioned. Writing to-day, Mr. Barr gives the following illuminating remarks to account for the scarcity of the first issue of Brazil in good condition: "I was shown large boxes full of original covers bearing copies of the first issue, but in every instance the stamp itself was torn in two. You are well aware that this issue was in use long before the days of envelopes and it was the custom to use the stamp to seal the folded letter, instead of using the wafers that were current in the United States at that period. Invariably, the stamp is to be found on the back of the letter, and as the gum was very tenacious, the stamp became lost forever to the collector when the recipient of the letter broke the seal. For the stamp was the seal, nothing more nor less. This custom prevailed clear through the dates of the second and third issues, and it is only very rarely that these issues are to be found on the face of the letter along with the address. However, as the stamps began to diminish in size from the generous proportions of the first issue, it was not so easy to make them overlap from one fold of the sheet to the other, and consequently more copies are to be found that escaped mutilation. I secured a few of these at what might be called fancy prices. They are very rare indeed, and I may add that all sources of possible supply have been ransacked long ago and that there is small likelihood of any new copies coming on the market from time to time from the correspondence of old business houses, etc."

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Perforated—A good many collectors have had unsatisfactory experiences with the perforated stamps of the third issue of Brazil, and a few of us have found that experts did not always agree in their diagnosis of suspected perforations. It is some slight satisfaction to know that even in the land of their birth the perforated stamps in question find it almost impossible to find anyone to give a single specimen a clean bill of health. Mr. Barr proceeds: "As for the perforates of the third issue, all of the dealers hesitate to guarantee them. As you know, the perforating was done by the clerks in the Rio de Janeiro post office to save themselves the trouble of cutting apart the exact quantities that the public called for at the stamp window, and as the work was very carelessly done it readily lends itself to faking. There are lots of them offered for sale here with fake perforations, and in many cases these seem to be identical with the perforations on unquestionably genuine copies. We are glad to pass these problems up to the experts." We have in hand a most important budget of philatelic particulars from Mr. Barr from Montevideo, Uruguay, and in the next issue the notes will appear.

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Kellogg—Several weeks ago we printed an account of the claim made evidently by a relative of the artist that Miner Kilbourne Kellogg of Cincinnati was entitled to the honor of having had his picture of Old Hickory selected for reproduction on the two cent black Jackson, thus displacing Dodge, who was supposed by stamp collectors to have furnished the portrait. We have been unable to find particulars of the life and achievements of Mr. Kellogg; and the Art Institute of Chicago, to whom we turned finally for assistance, writes through its librarian: "We have looked through all our reference books and can find no mention of Miner Kilbourne Kellogg of Cincinnati, Ohio. We suggest that you consult some very full biography of Andrew Jackson, where the artist might be mentioned." Some day, we hope to clear up this mild mystery.

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A TRIP TO THE CITY OF MEXICO.

By J. B. CHILDS.

Overshadowing the capital of Mexico is Popocatepel (1899, 1p), the famous smoking mountain with its snow clad slope jutting up into the clouds nearly eighteen thousand feet. No longer does it deserve the name of smoking mountain; only occasional jets of steam bursting forth from the crater give a hint of what might have at one time been as great a volcano as Mt. Vesuvius. Even as far back as the sixteenth century when Cortez conquered Mexico it was known that there was sulphur to be found in the crater of the mountain. On one occasion, being almost out of gunpowder and having no accessible supply of sulphur, some of his men offered to make the trip up the slope of Popocatepel to dig out a sufficient amount. This single ascent had more than enough dangers to satisfy the ardor of the Spanish soldiers. Along late in the eighties the owner of this piece of natural scenery began to exploit the sulphur deposits to the benefit of his pocketbook. Indians were hired to go up into the crater for a month at a time and to dig the sulphur out of the bed. This was hauled up to the edge of the crater, and then taken down the side of the mountain, while the native laborers staid there in the mouth of the volcano finding shelter in the caves. The supply of sulphur in the mountain seemed to be inexhaustible; as soon as one lot was taken out another would ooze up into its place.

But to travel on to the City of Mexico itself where the Cathedral (1899, 5p) is one of the prominent points in the landscape, the Cathedral which stands on the site of the Teocalli or Sacrificial Altar of the Aztec priests. Before the coming of Cortez and his Spanish warriors this spot had run with the blood of sacrifices. When the pagan altar was destroyed, the Aztecs no longer had a rallying place. Then the Cathedral was erected on the same place, to become the center of the life and activity of Mexico for at least two centuries. This Cathedral with its twin towers raising themselves for more than several hundred feet into the air and carrying bells, the like of which is seldom to be found, became to Mexico what Westminster Abbey is to England. Indeed it was of far more importance to the life of the nation, as the Roman Catholic Church exerted a great influence in political events, and at times was almost supreme in the control of the government. And as in Westminster Abbey many of the great men of Mexico sleep within its walls; even Hidalgo, the Liberator, altho condemned by the Inquisition, rests there. Yet it is unlike the English Abbey much as the disposition of the Mexican people is unlike that of the English. No marble statues or busts are to be found in the interior of the Cathedral of the City of Mexico, while warm-colored paintings and rich decorations abound.

We must travel on now to the statue of Cuauhtemoc (1895, 5c; 1915, 2c), the last of the Montezumas. There he stands, a magnificent figure in bronze with a spear aloft in his right hand and with his robe wrapped around him in his left. It was he who led the attack against the Spaniards under Cortez on "the sad night", when at daybreak the Spanish Captain sorrowed over the great gaps in the ranks of his men. After Cuauhtemoc had been taken prisoner by Cortez, it was rumored that thru the connivance of the Spanish leader with this last of the Montezumas that a great treasure was being concealed for private division. Resenting the fact that he was thus falsely suspected, Cortez turned the native chief over to those directing an investigation of the case. Cuauhtemoc with one companion was tortured by having his feet roasted over a slow fire, accompanied with occasional bastings of oil. Altho he exhibited the utmost stoicism, he said to his fellow-sufferer, "My friend, do not think that I am as comfortable as I would be in my bath-tub." One of the bronze tablets at the base of the statue portrays another incident connected with his being delivered over to torture: Cortez is ready to give over the keys when Cuauhtemoc snatches the dagger from his belt and demands to be stabbed. Another bronze tablet at the base gives the hieroglyphic form of the name Cuauhtemoc—an eagle alighting on a human footprint, meaning "The Eagle has alighted."

And now to turn to one of the large modern buildings of the City of Mexico, the General Post Office (1916, 5p), which was built in 1907 at the cost of a million and a half dollars, to care for the greatly increased postal business of the country. I do not know to what extent the increase had been marked. Still the postal receipts of the country as a whole had increased from a few hundred thousands of dollars in the sixties to more than a million dollars in the nineties; so that it is quite probable that a new Post Office was needed.

And now before ending this little trip to the City of Mexico a side jaunt of several hundred miles should be made to the northwest into the State of Jalisco to view the Falls of Juanacatlan (1899, 50c), the Niagara of Mexico. The mere sight of this great expanse of water dropping a depth of more than fifty feet would be sufficient to make any efficiency expert weep; unlimited water power disappearing there every minute. But already a Light and Power Corporation has begun the exploitation of this great natural attraction, and a nearby city was being supplied with electricity from the Falls of Juanacatlan.

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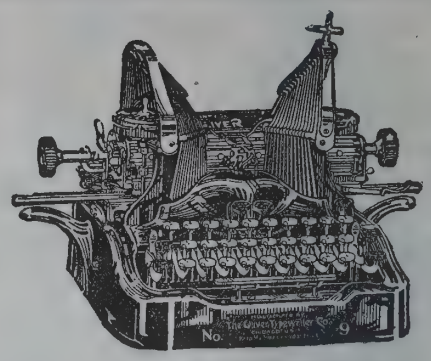
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VALUE OF A NEW ISSUE SERVICE.

By MANLOVE ERSKINE.

I have occasionally seen statements as to the amount a collector might have gained by the purchase of 20th century stamps at the time of their issue. I have never seen any statement of the actual gain or loss of a collector who had purchased such stamps when issued.

As it may interest some of your readers, I will give you my experience as a collector who has, since the year 1900 and up to the present time, purchased as issued all postage stamps of the United States and of Great Britain and her Colonies.

Prior to the 1906, there were, to my knowledge, no New Issue Services in existence so that I had to procure the stamps from various dealers in America and England. This required much more correspondence and more expense than is necessary now. The American dealers then charged thirty-six cents on each shilling and the English dealers thirty-two cents.

Since the dealers began to make a special business of furnishing new issues to collectors, the difficulty of making a complete collection has been greatly lessened and the cost decreased. But the difficulty is not obviated, because no one dealer can obtain specimens of all the stamps as issued. From time to time there are provisional issues, so few in number that there are not enough to go around among all the dealers, or they are bought up by speculators at the place of issue. And the collector need not expect to get such provisionals at what is known as new issue rates, for the dealers rarely can get them in any great quantity, if at all, and frequently have to pay more than face value for them when they do get them. When a provisional issue is of a very limited number, the first dealer offering them for sale usually asks from two to three times the price at which they can be purchased later. Looking back I can see that the axiom of a bird in the hand being worth two in the bush rarely is applicable to provisional new issues.

The collection of British and British Colonials I have made numbers 4107, all unused except one, and includes all stamps listed by Scott under simple numbers up to £1.10.0 face value, (except a few issued this year and some expensive War stamps) both on ordinary and chalky paper, and most of the errors and minor varieties, the cost of which has been $2,515.00.

Based upon Gibbons' catalogue as to 12 of the 101 Colonies included (which have been specialized to some extent) and upon Scott's 1917 catalogue for the others I find the value to be $5,325.00, being $295.00 in addition to twice their cost.

Of these 101 Colonies I find eight the catalogue value of which is now from three to four times their cost, namely Barbados, Bermuda, Dominica, Grenada, Papua, St. Helena, Seychelles and Turks and Caicos Islands, one between four and five times, namely Natal, two between six and seven times, namely Lagos and Jamaica (the latter including all the "Ser iet" errors), and one sixteen times, namely Maldives Ids.

The latter is really remarkable. A set of six stamps (Maldives Ids. 1 to 6) having a face value of 54 cents, was sent to me by a New Issue Service, with an extra No. 4 included, for the sum of $1.34, and those stamps are now listed by Scott at $23.75. The next largest gain in a single set is, I think, the 1903 issue of Lagos, the ten shillings value of which is now listed at $50.00. I had a merry chase after that stamp, but procured one in 1904 from a New York dealer for the modest sum of $3.15. The entire set cost $6.24 and is now listed at $93.10.

The most remarkable rise of any single 20th Century stamp is that of the Natal £1.10.0 No. 109. That came in 1908 through a New Issue Service for $8.75, and it is now listed at $140.00.

Taking all of the stamps of the Colonies I have specifically named, the aggregate cost of them was $223.31 and their catalogue value is $997.78, more than four times their cost, but it must be noted that there are only a dozen colonies out of 101, and that the catalogue value of 54 colonies, being a little more than one-half of all, is less than double their cost. It is only by including all the colonies together that the aggregate total of $5,325.00 catalogue value against $2,515.00 cost is obtained.

As to the United States stamps, including imperforate, which cost $2.00, blocks of 4 of all the regular issues, perforated and imperforate, since 1907, and pairs of all coil stamps listed except two, they number 981 all unused, and cost $168.51. They now have a catalogue value of $335.06, being $1.96 less than twice their cost. I have not estimated the face value, but the cost much exceeds that value, whatever it is. I could never buy the coil stamps, nor the stamps on bluish paper and other minor varieties at their face value, nor get blocks of the higher values, properly centered, without paying extra.

You will note how close the difference is between the catalogue value of the United States and the British Colonies as compared with the cost of them respectively. And I think a sale of neither of them would net much more than the original cost.

Therefore, I conclude that a complete collection of new issues of a group of countries is not going to net one any large gain in money. For no one can tell what stamps are going to be scarce and confine their collecting to those particular stamps. But taking a group of countries which do not issue stamps solely to sell to collectors, a collector can be reasonably sure that the stamps of some of those countries will so increase in value that in later years he will be able to dispose of his entire collection at little or no loss. And he will probably feel that the pleasure he has derived from making the collection amply repays him for any loss of interest upon the money he may have invested in it.

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UNDOOLEY ON THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

By CHAS. H. FOWLE.

Our old friend Undooley was having a quiet after tea smoke in the back yard when his neighbor Finnerty, whose son is a collector, came in by the alley gate.

Undooley is now quite an advanced collector. He has gone from the Kindergarten up to the crazy-house stage of philately, frequents stamp auctions, where he invariably gets stuck, and takes several stamp papers.

Finnerty, after the usual greetings, took a chair and sat down to smoke. The conversation drifted from "why did Pat Crow?" around to stamps.

"Phat do ye think of the Danish West Indies?" says Undooley.

"I niver met 'em," says Finnerty.

"Right ye are," says Undooley. "Ye niver did or anyone else ayther if they saw ye first, but ye may yit for they're coming this way. The U. S. is going to buy thim."

"Will they bring thim to Chicagy?" says Finnerty.

"Yis, I hear they intind anchoring thim out in the lake," says Undooley, "but niver ye moind where they puts thim, it's the new stamps they will be issuing what bothers 'm. Do ye moind, Finnerty, it would niver do to have a free born American letther going round wid a Danish stamp on it—not while the Bureau of Engraving and Printing exists—so the minnit they buys the outfit from the Danites they begins to use U. S. money and stamps there. Now, there's plenty of U. S. money"—

"Hold on," says Finnerty, "where is it? I niver sees it!"

"Vote right and ye'll get it," says Undooley, "but the new stamps must have something instinctive, something to connect thim with the country."

"Why don't they have a cable?" says Finnerty.

"They have," says Undooley, "and trolleys and push the button and all that goes with modern civilization, but I mean something to show the customs of the country like the ones we got out for Cuby, for instance. Ye remimber the wan cint has Father O'Donnell addressing the pig stickers' union, and the two cint has trees on—"

"Treason," says Finnerty, "that's bad, is it up to the antis?"

"No, I mean red trees, they grow that color in Cuby, an the three cint has a good picture of Maggie Cline, who threw down McCloskey, taking a rist after the throw, but to continue the subject, I suppose frist they will surcharge the regulars."

"And then me bye Tim will come home," says Finnerty.

"No," says Undooley, "I mean the regular issue of U. S. stamps and after that the big uns at Washington will git their heads together an swap ideas as to the designs. Now, Finnerty, as a humble citizen of the stock-yard district, I would like to give thim my ideas, but as I can't I'll give thim to ye, Finnerty. For the wan cint I would suggest as typical of the way we conquered the country, Uncle Sam with a bag of gold in his hand, and the motto, 'By this sign we conquer.'

"For the two cinters, a bar with kegs of Santa Cruz rum and a man behind thim, motto, 'The man behind the bar—he takes no chances.' This indicates two things, Finnerty, the greatest product of the islands, and also that ye can't get it without ye have the price.

"For the threes, Uncle Sam with a shotgun, motto, 'Gunning for bargains—we keeps what we gets.' This will please the antis.

"For the fours I would have something historical, 'Morgan the buccaneer' burning a vessel, something to indicate the early industries of the inhabitants, motto, 'Ye good old times'. That's as far as I've got yit, but I think me picture would look well on a sthamp, with the motto, 'The real thing'; perhaps that would give me such a pull I could run for Governor of the islands.

"Did you ever think, Finnerty, I were a born ruler?"

"No, I niver thought that, but I always says, 'When Undooley runs for mayor he'll git my vote—for the usual price'", says Finnerty.

"Good for you, Finnerty, for an honest American citizen, an honest man is the noblest work of God—an the scarcest in Chicagy."

"An else where," says Finnerty.

"Now, once more, spaking of the Danish West Indies, I've given this subject a deal of thought and the more I think the less I find I know about the place. The only thing we are sure of is the Santa Cruz rum, and as me friend Riley says: 'Down with rum'—and down it goes at ten cints per go; but, Finnerty, stamps follow the flag, and I would advise your boy to blow his pile in on Danish issues because when the U. S. goes in, overboard goes the Danish stamps, and that's the end of thim for ever and beyant.

"I'm no prophet, Finnerty, I don't know where Charley Ross is, or who struck that chump we read about, but I do know that my spare change is going for Danish West Indies stamps, for it won't need Royal Baking Powder to raise the price of thim," and with this sage advice Undooley dropped the subject and fell asleep.

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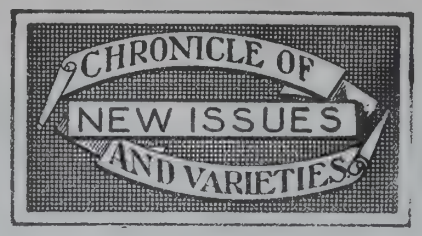
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UNITED STATES.—I. C. Greene has shown us the current 12c stamp, Perf. 10, in a deep claret red shade with indistinct offset.

Geo. Bye reports the current wrapper with corner turned over, which received impression of stamp and in the normal place is simply a colorless or albino impression.

BAHAMAS.—*Marsh's Weekly Philatelist* reports the 2sh stamp of the Queen's staircase design is now in use with multiple watermark.

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CAMEROON.—Of the stamps of French Congo, overprinted at Brazzaville, "Occupation Francaise du Camerun", *Champion's Bulletion* states the following quantities were issued:

1c,	2,025	35c,	5,000
2c,	2,025	40c,	2,000
4c,	2,025	45c,	2,500
5c,	10,000	50c,	2,000
15c,	2,000	75c,	2,000
20c,	2,000	1fr.	2,000
30c,	2,000	2fr,	2,000

CANADA.—We are indebted to Mrs. E. W. Oughtred for a specimen of the 4c war tax stamp previously chronicled in our columns. It is in the familiar type and printed in a handsome shade of blue.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—*Stamp Collecting* reports the receipt of the 50 bits Postage Due stamp, red on grey, perforated 14x14½ instead of 12½ and 13 as formerly issued.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—A. W. Dunning reports having the 2c 1911, surcharged "HABILITAOO" both inverted and double. He also reports the ½c on 20c of 1915 with double surcharge; the 2c, 5c and 20c of 1915 (type A25) in imperforate pairs, also the 2c in a horizontal pair imperforate between.

GREECE.—We have been informed from several sources that the Provisional Government under the Venizelos regime will issue a series of stamps comprising values from 1 lepton to 25 drachmas of a design similar to the 25 lepton of the current Greek set the colors corresponding to the old values and the set will include a new value, 4dr in brown. (This corrects report in our issue of Dec. 30th.)

Stamp Collecting is the authority for the statement that the current stamps of Greece have been overprinted with the Royal Crown and Cypher, "E. T." in small characters. J. M. Bartels submits copies of the 5l, 25l and 50l overprinted in red and the 10l with black overprint.

This surcharge has been made use of in order to render useless the large number of stamps seized by the followers of Ex-Premier Venizelis, or at least to make them useless in the sections of the country still controlled by the Royalist party.

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78	***Chile**, 1p, $2.00; No. 96*, 5p, $2.00; No. 97, 10p	4.00
1	***Crete**, 20pa, $12.50; No. 81*, 3dr, $1.75; No. 82*, 5dr	3.00
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Jan. 16th, 1917.

The 374th (regular) meeting of the Society was called to order by Pres. Carpenter at 7.45 this evening. The regular reports were read and approved. The resignation of Mr. H. B. Seagrave was accepted. Mr. Wm. Shafer was elected to membership, his membership number being 625.

The annual reports of the officers were read and accepted, the reports which involved the spending of the Society's money having been declared correct by the Auditing Committee.

The vote for officers for the coming year resulted in the election of Mr. A. P. Brown as President; Mr. J. O. Wright as Vice President; Mr. Frederic W. Stiles, Secretary; Mr. G. Carlton Russell, Treasurer; Mr. Oscar Hill, Foreign Sec'y; Mr. A. M. Wright, Supt. of Auctions, the last four being re-elected. Mr. S. G. Bixby, Supt. of Sales and Bourse, and Messrs. A. W. Dunning, Oscar Hill, Wm. C. Polk, A. W. Batchelder and Frank A. Dodge as members of the Council, Messrs. Hill, Polk and Dodge being re-elected.

In the absence of both the Pres. and Vice-Pres. elect, Mr. Carpenter took charge of the entertainment, which was devoted to a criticism of the Scott Standard Catalogue. Many of the members took part in this, calling attention to what they considered to be inconsistencies or making suggestions which they thought would improve the catalogue. During the discussion Mr. Batchelder, in explaining certain items to which attention had been called, gave those present many interesting items of information in regard to the stamps of the United States. The method of constructing the catalogue was gone into in considerable detail by Mr. Carpenter, whose connection with the Company in the past had placed him in a position to give such an explanation. The meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock, there having been an attendance of 25.

The next meeting will include the annual jollification, due notice of which will be sent out in time for everyone to be able to signify his intention of being present. *The usual Auction Sale will be held at the Informal Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6th.*

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The House of Linn is indeed a headquarters for Mexican war stamps. The firm advertises 200 different varieties of these issues and the list is a very attractive one.

Mr. Sledd follows up his advertisement of January 13 with another one giving a tangible illustration of what he is able to do in the issues of Canada and Newfoundland. The two advertisements dovetail very nicely.

The last few numbers of the WEEKLY have seen advertising from an old patron, C. E. Hussman. The advertisement in this number illustrates the wide range of his offerings. He has something for everybody. The managing editor first solicited advertising from Mr. Hussman when manager of the *Boston Stamp Book* and from that day to this his dealings have never been other than "on the square".

Elsewhere in this paper will be found an interesting advertisement calling attention to a stamp business now offered for sale. We are situated where we can assure any interested parties that the proposition is worth investigating. It is so seldom that a stamp business is offered for sale that we make this additional mention of the same.

The Co-operative Exchange of Brooklyn, N. Y., has issued a very attractive wholesale price list dated 1917. The list is well written and well printed, pricing a wide variety of stamps, both single and sets by 10 and 100, and every dealer should possess a copy.

The advertisement of the J. M. Bartels Co. is a very timely one and will doubtless attract considerable attention. The stamps of the Danish West Indies, or as we shall henceforth call them, the United States West Indies, will now take on added interest to every U. S. collector. The stamps offered are only a sample of what the Bartels stock can offer.

This is an issue of large advertisements and the several quarter pages stand out in bold relief. We would that we might mention in detail the offerings of these dealers, but they speak for themselves and will be better read than the reading matter. In the list not covered by these notes may be found:—
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We leave for final mention what is really the most prominent feature of the entire number—the page advertisement of the W. C. Phillips Co., Glastonbury, Conn. Mr. Phillips is working under a 4,000 line contract and his announcements are always timely and attractive. The advertisement in this number is no exception. He has that confidence in the WEEKLY that he intends to use a couple more pages before the stamp season is over.

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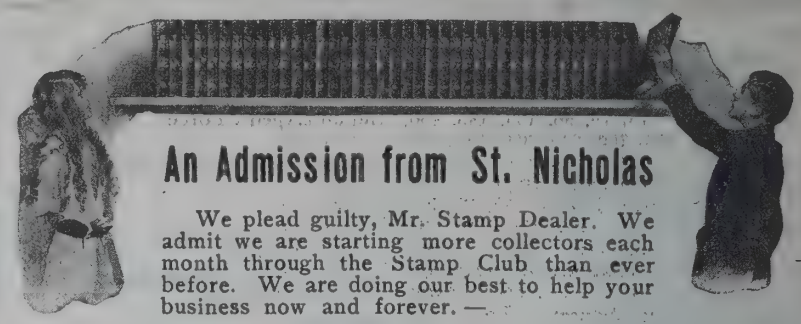
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"LIBERTY AND ORDER."

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"Liberty and Order" is the inscription on the coat of arms of Colombia.

Acevedo-Gomez (Acknowledgement of Receipt, 1910) was among the most prominent of those to play a part in the revolution of 1810, when the colony attempted to break away from the mother country, Spain. The common people of Bogota hesitated to take part, fearing lest the authorities should severely punish them; but the eloquence of Acevedo-Gomez, an orator of no mean repute, overcame their objections. This Tribune of the People was also one of the fathers of the Declaration of Independence. A few years later when the Spanish troops swept over the country with a tremendous burst of energy, he fled to the mountains, where he died.

Narino (1910, 2c), another of those who took part in this revolution of 1810, had long been interested in such a movement, and had served several sentences in Spanish prisons for secretly printing and circulating revolutionary pamphlets. As the leader of the party in favor of a strong central government and as the commander of a body of troops, he was for a time able to wield a considerable influence, the more so having become the chief of the provisional government. But when the Spaniards returned, his troops were scattered and he was captured. After serving another term of prison sentence in Spain he returned to Colombia, and declared himself a candidate for the office of vice-president. His defeat in the contest was due to his having been out of touch with political affairs for some years. Narino, worn out with the struggle for liberty, retired from public life to spend his few remaining days in peace.

Camilo Torres (1910, ½c), who had succeeded Narino as the chief of the provisional government, was respected as a man of high principles. The Memorial of Grievances, one of the first open manifestations of the revolutionary spirit, was drawn up by him; and as this document later served as the basis for the Declaration of Independence, he may rightly be termed the Father of the Declaration. Torres was one of the first to recognize Bolivar's great ability as a liberator. But what was more substantial than mere recognition, he allowed troops to be enlisted to help Bolivar with the revolution in Venezuela. Several years later Torres had to flee before the advance of the Spanish. Unfortunately he was captured, and, having been the chief of the provisional government, was shot.

While this movement had been progressing in Colombia, Simon Bolivar (issues of Bolivar State 1879 to 1891), the head of a prominent family in Caracas, had been busily engaged in trying to drive the Spaniards from Venezuela. He made a trip over into Colombia, where the revolution apparently was more strongly entrenched, to obtain aid.

Colonel Girardot (Antioquia, 1902, 10c-50c) was one of the Colombian officers who came to his aid with troops. Before Bolivar's much larger force the Spaniards now fled. In the most important of the battles, Girardot was leading the charge which brought the victory when he was killed. Bolivar honored this brave Colombian officer by having his heart taken to the City of Caracas to be buried with all the ceremony of a military funeral. The memory of Girardot is still preserved in the name of the town on the Magdalena River, the terminus of a railway from Bogota.

Another center of the revolution in Colombia had been at Carthagena, where Rodriguez Torices (Bolivar, 1903, 5p) had been proclaimed the dictator. This energetic man did a great deal to forward the cause of the revolution. It was due to his efforts that privateers set out to sea to prey on the Spanish commerce wherever they could and to spread the fame of the flag of the new nation. Like Torres at Bogota he saw in Simon Bolivar the future liberator. But when the Spaniards returned to the attack with renewed energy, Bolivar was forced to seek refuge in the West Indies; and not even the most strenuous efforts of the young dictator could save the City of Carthagena from capture.

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guez Torices there was Garcia de Toledo (Bolivar, 1903, 10p), a wealthy lawyer who had been closely connected with the government of the city since the beginning of the revolution.

Another movement towards the freedom of the country from Spain had begun in the state of Antioquia, to the south of Carthagena. Juan del Corral (Antioquia, 1903-04, 10p), an energetic young patriot, became the dictator of the State, and declared its independence from Spanish control. With the help of a local man of science he was able to proceed rapidly in the matter of defenses. But he died prematurely, escaping the fate of both Torres and Torices and leaving the movement without a capable leader, so that the Spanish on their southward march from Carthagena had little resistance.

At Bogota the affairs of government were going badly. Fernandez-Madrid (Antioquia, 1903-04, 5p), who was the president, found upon the approach of the Spanish that he could not raise a sufficient number of troops to defend the city. He had never been a soldier, but a statesman and a careful student of law, so that he could hardly be blamed for his lack of knowledge concerning military affairs. From a refuge at Havana, Cuba, he wrote of the Spirit of Liberty without being molested.

General Garcia-Rovira (Antioquia, 1903-04, 2p), his successor, likewise found that he could not withstand the advance of the Spanish. He fled, but was captured and taken to Bogota to be shot.

Another death which marked the Spanish reconquest of Bogota was that of Policarpa Salavarrieta (1910, 1c), a high-spirited young lady in sympathy with the Republican cause. Her lover had been forced into the ranks of the Spanish army; and she planned for his escape, so that he might join the patriot forces. This design was discovered by the authorities. When her lover was arrested, letters were found upon him implicating Policarpa in the plot. She and her lover were shot. Her dying words that her blood would be avenged by the Liberators of her country have often formed the theme of Colombian poetry.

Few people who had in any way been connected with the revolution escaped the wrath of the Spanish; and even such unpromising material for a revolutionist as Caldas (1910, 10c), the mathematician, fell under the ban. He had never contributed to the movement of independence to any marked extent, except when he helped Juan del Corral to defend the State of Antioquia by drawing up plans for arms and fortifications. Just before the Spanish reconquered Bogota, he had returned from a botanical expedition, in which he was very much interested. Caldas did not regret having to die for his country, but the thought of leaving his notes scattered and unarranged worried him, so that he applied to the Spanish commander for a delay of several days, in which to straighten out his papers. The only answer to the petition was the sentence written on the margin of it, "Spain has no need for wise men."

While Liberty was at this low ebb in Colombia, Bolivar was on the Island of Haiti arranging for another expedition. Among the refugees who joined him was Zea (Antioquia, 1903-04, 1p), occasionally called the Franklin of South America. To pay for his freely-expressed Republican sympathies he had spent several years in the dungeons of the Spanish prison at Cadiz. After his release he had escaped to England, where he engaged himself in writing of books on agriculture and pamphlets on revolution. When he returned to South America with Bolivar, he showed little executive ability, always being more interested in agricultural matters. After Colombia had gained its independence, he was sent to Europe as an envoy; and Zea spent his last days in England.

When Bolivar began his campaign in Venezuela, he sent General Santander (1910, 20c) to form the vanguard for his expedition into Colombia. Had it not been for the optimism of Santander, it is doubtful whether many of the troops from the lowlands of Venezuela would have made the trip across the cold plateaus of Colombia. After Bolivar had made his triumphal march into Bogota and had gone southward into Ecuador and into Peru, Santander assumed charge of the government. Being ambitious, he did everything in his power to lessen the influence of Bolivar. After the latter's return he was implicated in a revolution at Bogota; and for his complicity was sentenced to death. Due to the intercession of J. M. del Castillo (Bolivar, 1904, 5c) the sentence was commuted to exile. This latter had been an advocate of peace measures all thru his life, and even during the height of the revolution. Somehow or other he succeeded in escaping the wrath of the Spanish upon the re-conquest of the country. Castillo, never having been an agressive man, died in poverty.

After the disposal of this conspiracy, another uprising broke out in Antioquia under the leadership of General Cordova (Antioquia, issue of 1899), one of the bravest of the republican commanders, who had begun his military career at the age of fifteen. The fame that he had gained on the Peruvian expedition undertaken by Bolivar seemed to have turned his head. Finally, he declared himself Commander-in-Chief of the Army of Liberty. Bolivar sent out a force to suppress the uprising. Cordova barricaded himself in a house, and was killed in the taking of the building.

General Sucre (1886-89, 2c) was probably the most loyal of the commanders under Bolivar. The important part of his career, however, is bound up with the liberation of Peru and Bolivia; of this latter country he was the first president. Eventually, he returned to Colombia to aid Bolivar. While on a government mission into the southern part of Colombia, he was ambushed in a lonely mountain pass by a party of his enemies.

Bolivar, the Liberator of Colombia, resigned the presidency and went to live in a little home at the foot of the Hill of La Popa (1902-03, 20c) at Carthagena. Having lost practically all of his property in his struggles, he was reduced to the point of having to sell a set of silverware he owned to pay his debts. The news of the death of his loyal general at the hands of enemies, hastened his own end (1830).

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TWO CORRECTIONS.

By S. B. Hopkins.

In Linn's book on the Sonora issues there are two statements in Chapter One which should be corrected: He says that the inscription, "Ejercito Constitucionalista Transitorio Mexico", means "Constitutional Army of Mexico in Transit." This is not correct. The words "Ejercito Constitucionalista" mean that the stamps were issued by the Constitutionalist Army; the word "Transitorio" means that they are but a temporary and not a permanent issue; and the word "Mexico" indicates their country. The word "Transitorio" does not indicate that the army is moving, or any other function of the Army. This erroneous statement has appeared in the philatelic press several times.

The other incorrect statement is that the "Denver" revenues were not sold for postage. They *were* sold for postage, without talon and without district overprint, throughout the states of Coahuila and San Luis Potosi, and in some other parts, *from sometime in May to the arrival of the regular Denver postage issue in July, 1914,* and in some places were sold later than that.

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Uruguay—We now continue Mr. Hugh C. Barr's philatelic story of his South American trip, the current instalment of which comes from Montevideo, Uruguay: "Here in Montevideo, I have seen the wonderful collection of Uruguay of Mr. Jose Valido, which also is complete in every respect and includes many pairs and blocks of the Diligencia and early Montevideo issues, all in wonderful condition. In addition to the singles, this collection includes Uruguay nearly complete in blocks of four. Only a few of the great rarities of the early issues are missing in this condition. The very rare inverted centers, 1908, of which only 25 copies of each value are known are present in blocks of four. I may add that here as well as in Brazil, the early issues are in great demand and fine copies bring top-notch prices. I have tried hard to buy some of the early issues on cover but money will not tempt the owners to part with them." Mr. Barr adds that the catalogue of Yvert & Tellier is the one in general use throughout South America.

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Remainders—Our correspondent "on the spot" gives the following interesting details of the disposition of the last of the remainders of the early issues of Uruguay: "Incidentally I have bumped into a bit of interesting information in the fact that the last of the stock of remainders of the early issues of Uruguay was disposed of here only last week. It seems that the reason for the early issues being more common in unused than in used condition is due to the fact that they were ordered from the printers in small quantities as needed, and on all such ocassions a few more sheets were struck off than were called for. At the termination of this contract a number of sheets remained on the printer's hands and when he died many years later, these were found among his effects and divided into two equal parcels among his heirs. One of the parcels was immediately marketed in Europe and it is to this that we are indebted for the unused copies in circulation. The other parcel, however, was held intact, with the exception of the sale or gift of a copy now and then, up to last week, when it was disposed of for something in the neighborhood of $20,000. As the sale was made at nearly catalogue price, those collectors who are fortunate enough to have these stamps in their collections need have no fear of their price dropping to a few cents in the next edition of the catalogue. I am told that the bulk of this lot will remain in Montevideo and in Buenos Aires, while the remainder will be marketed in the U. S., probably coming to final resting-place in the collection of Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, whose name is a household word both in Brazil and Uruguay, among all advanced collectors in Brazil and Uruguay."

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Explanation—The following observations have been received from Mr. John E. Lord, Chicago: "Regarding notes on bi-sected stamps of Nicaragua by Mr. S. Mittler in your issue of January 20th, 1917, I may say that these divided stamps are common on part of cover as they are found used often as seals or stickers on the backs of envelopes, duly postmarked, but with full postage on the face of the cover. So, unless one has a bi-sected stamp of the kind on the cover, it is of doubtful interest. I have two copies of Nicaragua, No. 336, to Canal Zone, via New Orleans, both bi-sected diagonally,—one on each cover; and also two covers, each with two copies of No. 318, and one half of another, making the five cent rate to Chicago. The current set also is being used in the same way; I have a cover with No. 351 bi-sected with a pair of same, making the five cent rate to Chicago."

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Confusion—The fact that one finds the stamp of one country bearing the cancellation of another country has no philatelic significance if the issue is a modern one. We believe that the New Orleans postmark, for instance, may be found on the stamps of dozens of different countries as it is there that the mail of southern countries collected by ship, is postmarked under certain conditions. In other words, there are many port of entry postmarks of this country to be found on the stamps of foreign countries and to some degree this remark applies to other countries. For instance, a correspondent writes: "Will any of the stamps of Gt. Britain frank letters in any of the colonies the same as ours in Shanghai, Porto Rico, etc.?" There practically are no British colonies that do not have their own stamps to-day and so the stamps of Great Britain would not be valid to frank letters in the manner indicated. Another question is based on the following: "I have a cover bearing a pair of Scott, No. 156, Great Britain, cancelled Pago Pago, Samoa, etc.," and in this connection, it is to be said that the stamps of Great Britain would be recognized on mail deposited in the post office of a British ship; and the Great Britain stamps would be cancelled when the ship letters were taken ashore at the port of call of the particular country to which the letter was addressed.

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Warning—Mr. Thos. C. E. Hunter says: "I wish to send out a warning to collectors and dealers to be careful in buying so-called Kansas City Roulettes as there are offers out of stamps 'rouletted by me and not by Post Office Officials'."

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Again we dignify the four leading contestants on our honor roll. Mr. Colman passes into second place with a total of 23. If there are any stamp collectors in the city of Washington who are not acquainted with our publication, they will become so before Mr. Colman gets through with his canvass.

Some dealers are very charry about pushing the WEEKLY. They are very short-sighted. The WEEKLY is in business to make stamp collectors and what counts for the prosperity of the WEEKLY also counts for the general good of the hobby. We thank Mr. Ohlman of N. Y. City for the interest he is manifesting, and his five subscripitons bring him well up on the list. The standing on Saturday, Jan. 27, was as follows:—

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Bad—From Mr. George W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio, we have received news that will give a jolt to those who thought all was well with the war issues of Mexico. Mr. Linn wants his words to have the widest circulation and we are glad to start the ball in motion. He says: "I have been suspicious for some time in regard to the Villa overprint and other things coming from Mexico. Large numbers of the Mexican stamps are being overprinted with counterfeit Villa G. C. M.; the stamps are both used and unused. I have discovered striking points of difference between the originals and counterfeit impressions.

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EARLY PACIFIC COAST POSTAL RATES.

By Henry B. Phillips.

It may be of interest to your readers to have the official rates of postage for the Pacific Coast in force for the four year period beginning July 1st, 1851.

The different rate for prepaid and unpaid is perhaps not generally known to collectors of United States adhesives and covers. This official notice published in the daily San Francisco papers for July, 1851, by authority of the Postmaster General and over the signature of the San Francisco Postmaster, J. B. Moore, may serve to clear up some questions raised by the various rates found stamped on covers used to or from California and other places.

Previous to July 1st, 1851, the single or half ounce rate to California and Oregon was forty cents. Let the following speak for itself. By virtue of Act of Congress 3rd. March 1851, the following are rates of Postage on and after July 1st, 1851:—

Russia Levant and Russia China.

RUSSIA CHINA.			
1899, 1k orange, unused	No. 1	$	.02
3k carmine, unused	2		.03
5k red violet, used or unused	3		.06
2k yellow green, unused	4		.02
7k dark blue, unused	5		.07
10k dark blue, unused	6		.10
1904, 50k violet & green, unused	7		.65
1904-8, 20k blue and carmine, used	13		.15
3½r blk.& gray, used or un'd	18		2.00
5r dark blue, green & pale blue, used	19		2.75
7r black & yellow, used	20		3.50
10r scarl., yell.& gray, used	21		4.75
1910-16, 7k blue, used	29		.03
10k blue, used	30		.03
14k blue and rose, used	31		.06
15k red violet & blue, used	32		.08
35k violet & green, used	35		.15
70k brown & orange, used	38		.45
1r brown & orange, used	39		.65
5r dk. bl.,grn.& palebl.,used	41		3.00
RUSSIA LEVANT.			
1900, 4pa on 1k orange, unused	No. 27	$	.03
10pa on 2k green, unused	28		.03
1pi on 10k dark blue, un'd	29		.10
4pa on 1k orange, unused	30		.06
1903-4, 10pa on 2k green, unused	31		.03
1pi on 10k dark blue, used	32		.03
1pi on 10k dark blue, un'd	32		.06
5pi on 50k vio. & grn.,un'd	33		.35
10pi on 4k rose, unused	34		.05
7pi on 70k brn. & or., un'd	35		.45
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	36		.65
2pi on 20k blue & rose,un'd	37		.14
1905, 35pi on 3½r gray & blk.,un'd	38		2.25
70pi on 7k yellow & blk.,un'd	39		4.00
1909, 5pa on 1k orange, unused	40		.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	41		.02
20pa on 4k carmine, unused	42		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	43		.07
5pi on 50k violet & grn.,un'd	44		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or., un'd	45		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., unused	46		.75
35pi on 3½r maroon & light green, unused	47		2.25
70pi on 7r dk.grn.& pink,un'd	48		4.00
CONSTANTINOPLE.			
1909-10, 5pa on 1k orange, un'd	No. 61	$	.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	62		.02
20pa on 4k carmine, unused	63		.05
1pi on 19k blue, unused	64		.07
5pi on 50k viol.& grn.,un'd	65		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or., un'd	66		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	67		.75
5pa on 1k orange, unused	70		.06
JAFFA.			
1909-10, 10pa on 2k green, un'd	No. 72	$	.02
20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	73		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	74		.07
5pi on 50k vio.& grn.,un'd	75		.40
7pi on 70k brn.& or., un'd	76		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	77		.75
5pa on 1k orange, unused	80		.06
JERUSALEM.			
1909-10, 5pa on 1k orange, un'd	No. 81	$	.02
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20pa on 4k carmine, unused	83		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	84		.07
5pi on 50k viol.& grn.,un'd	85		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or., un'd	86		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	87		.75
KERASSUNDE.			
1909-10, 5pa on 2k orange, un'd	No. 91	$	.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	92		.02
20pa on 4k carmine, unused	93		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	94		.07
5pi on 50k vio. & grn., un'd	95		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or., un'd	96		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	97		.75
5pa on 1k orange, unused	100		.06
MONT ATHOS.			
1909-10, 5pa on 1k or., unused	No. 101	$	.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	102		.02
20pa on 4k carmine, unused	103		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	104		.07
5pi on 50k vio. & grn.,un'd	105		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or.,un'd	106		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	107		.75
5pa on 1k orange, unused	110		.06
RUSSIA WENDEN.			
1901, 2k dark grn. & brn., un'd	No. 12	$	.30
MONT ATHOS in Russian Letters.			
1909-10, 10pa on 2k green, un'd	No. 112	$	.03
20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	113		.05
1pi on 10k blue, un'd	114		.07
5pi on 50k vio.&grn.,un'd	115		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or.,un'd	116		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	117		.75
SALONIQUE.			
1909-10, 10pa on 2k green, un'd	No. 132	$	.02
20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	133		.05
1pi on 10k blue, un'd	134		.07
5pi on 50k vio.&grn.,un'd	135		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or.,un'd	136		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	137		.75
5pa on 1k orange, un'd	140		.06
SMYRNE.			
1909-10, 5pa on 1k orange, un'd	No. 141	$	.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	142		.02
20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	143		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	144		.07
5pi on 50k vio.&grn.,un'd	145		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or.,un'd	146		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	147		.75
5pa on 1k orange, un'd	150		.06
TREBIZONDE.			
1909-10, 5pa on 1k orange, un'd	No. 151	$	.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	152		.02
20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	153		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	154		.07
5pi on 50k vio. & grn.,un'd	155		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or.,un'd	156		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & orn., un'd	157		.75
5pa on 1k orange, unused	160		.06
BEYROUTH.			
1909-10, 5pa on 1k orange, un'd	No. 161	$	.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	162		.02
20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	163		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	164		.07
5pi on 50k vio. & grn.,un'd	165		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or., un'd	166		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	167		.75
DARDANELLES.			
1909-10, 5pa on 1k orange, un'd	No. 171	$	.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	172		.02
20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	173		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	174		.07
5pi on 50k vio. & grn.,un'd	175		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or., un'd	176		.65
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20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	183		.05
1pi on 10k blue, un'd	184		.07
5pi on 50k vio. & grn.,un'd	185		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or., un'd	186		.65
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20pa on 4k carmine, un'd	193		.05
1pi on 10k blue, unused	194		.07
5pi on 50k vio. & grn.,un'd	195		.40
7pi on 70k brn. & or.,un'd	196		.65
10pi on 1r brn. & or., un'd	197		.75
1910, 20pa on 5k red violet, unused	200		.07
5pa on 1k orange, unused	201		.02
10pa on 2k green, unused	202		.03
20pa on 4k carmine, unused	203		.05
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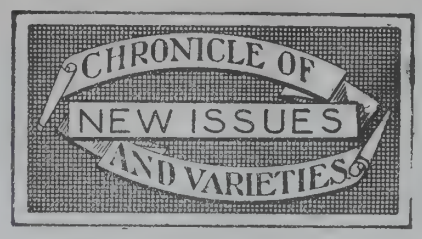
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ASCENSION.—W. J. Gross advises us that the rumored issue for this island is not to be, he states, "I sent a money order to London, explained the purpose, and asked to have it reissued on Ascension, but the money order was returned to me, with the advice that no new issue was contemplated by the Postal Authorities."

BOLIVIA.—A new 10c bi-colored stamp has been shown us by J. M. Bartels, the central design (Legislative Palace) is in blue with the frame in orange.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—The 1s on the green through paper, issued at George Town on May 15, 1916, was the first value supplied the Islands, printed from the new plate 5. This plate consists of two panes of 60 each, side by side, and shows four controls to the printed sheet, two in the upper margin and two in the lower. The sheet of 120 is cut into Post Office sheets of 60 before sending out, the wide margins at the right and left being trimmed down to within one-eighth inch of the marginal line.

A supply of the 2½d sent out at the same time was also printed from plate 5, but the sheets are of two panes of 60, undivided. This new printing of the 2½d is in much darker blue than previous printings and the gum is dull white instead of yellowish as in the past. The watermark also in this new printing does not show up so transparently as formerly.

Law 4 of 1916 being "A Law to impose a Special War Tax on certain Post Letters," was approved by His Excellency the Governor of Jamaica, W. H. Manning, on November 15th, and reads as follows:—

"Be it enacted by the Justices and Vestry of the Cayman Islands in Vestry Assembled as follows:—

"1.—This Law may be cited as the Cayman Islands Post Office (War Tax) Law, 1916.

"2.—This Law shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Commissioner by Public Notice.

"3.—From and after the commencement of this Law there shall be paid to the Treasurer for the use of the Government of this Dependency as a Special War Tax, the sum of One Half Penny on every post letter addressed to the United Kingdom or any of His Majesty's Colonies or Dominions beyond the Cayman Islands, in addition to the amount for the time being payable under any Law, Rule, Convention or Order.

"4.—The War Tax imposed by this Law shall be paid by adhesive postage stamps of a value equal to the amount of postage chargeable thereon under this Law, and the provisions of the Post Office Law, 1900 (Law 9 of 1900) shall be available for the collection and recovery of the said Tax.

"5.—This Law shall continue in force for the period of one year from its commencement.

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Signed, C. E. MELLISH,
Acting Commissioner."

All the unbroken sheets of the 2½d George on hand, both in the Commissioner's Office and the Post Office at George Town, were sent to the Government Printing Office at Kingston, Jamaica, to be surcharged "WAR STAMP 1½d". This surcharging was done and the stamps returned to George Town.

Then a new difficulty developed. In the meantime, orders for these stamps had been accumulating, and the surcharged stock was not sufficient to last over the first day of sale.

Few denominations are stocked at George Town in excess of 24,000, and above 2½d this stock is much smaller. Large stocks are not desirable on account of climatic conditions affecting the gum.

The surcharged stock of War Stamps was under 1200, and the Acting Commissioner, therefore, decided to withhold the issue, awaiting receipt of another lot of 2½d which had been ordered from London. This consignment arrived in Jamaica in December, but due to irregular communications, the stamps did not reach George Town until January 2nd.

These stamps were sent back to Jamaica by the next schooner sailing, to be surcharged and upon return to George Town, will be placed in issue. This will probably be sometime in February.—HARRY E. HUBER.

GREECE.—The writer has seen a copy of the 5 drachma 1912 for use in Turkey, with double surcharge.

We are advised by Otto Frank through a clipping which appeared in the New York *Staat-Zeitung* that the Venezuelos provisional government has issued a set of revolutionary postage stamps upon which is the portrait of Alexander the Great.

From Alfred Smith's *Monthly Circular* comes further information indicating the issue of a post card value 5 lepta. We quote as follows:—

We have to thank a Salonica correspondent for a specimen of the first "Venizelist" postal issue. It is a postcard of 5 lepta and the stamp in the right upper angle shows a short-skirted Greek soldier running forward with a rifle slung over his shoulder, and blowing a bugle as he advances; in the left upper angle are the arms of Greece. The inscriptions are in Greek throughout, the heading signifying, "Military Postal Service. Post Card." The address-side is divided, and on the left half in addition to a space for the sender's name, etc., is a notice to the effect that "on this card, relatives of soldiers may communicate with them with enquiries about their health or domestic affairs, in plain Greek language free from conventionalisms and ambiguity." The impression is lithographed and bears the imprint of Aspiotis Bros., Corfu. The card is franked for transmission abroad by the addition of an ordinary Greek adhesive stamp of 5 lepta.

HAYTI.—Robert A. Wilson reports obtaining a copy of the 1c surcharged 7c in frame as chronicled in whole number 1359.

Of the Gl O. Z. type of 1914, A. W. Dunning reports having the following in pairs, one stamp with surcharge and one without. On issue of 1904, 1c, 2c, 5c, 50c. On issue of 1906, 15c and 3c slate.

MONTENEGRO.—The new Red Cross issue has come to hand in four values; large square stamps 27x27 mm. with portrait of Queen Miléna, Grand Patroness of the Montenegrin Red Cross, with frame varying with each denomination.

1916—Red Cross.
10 paras carmine.
15 paras greenish blue.
25 paras blue.
50 paras violet.

MOZAMBIQUE.—We note from *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* that "The Portuguese Colony of Mozambique has issued two War stamps of distinctive designs. Each stamp is of large size and oblong in shape; and the designs shew allegorical figures on the lower value, War and Peace, with a man in bonds, and in the other War and a woman (typifying the Red Cross?) tending a child.

The 1c is inscribed "REPUBLICA PORTUGUESE—TAXA de GUERRA—correio mocambique" with value in centre; and one of the figures holds a scroll inscribed "9 marco de 1916". The 5c has "1910" after the title of the mother country, it is "TELEGRAPHO" as well as "CORREIO", has "PE LA PATRIA" with the 9th March date at the foot; and the value is in each upper corner."

War Stamps.
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Post Card.
3 on 2½c black and green on greenish.

PERLIS.—Alfred Smith's *Monthly Circular* is informed that this state uses the stamps of Kedah and a special issue for Perlis is unlikely.

SWITZERLAND.—J. M. Bartels has shown us copies of the "Juvenile, Charity" stamps chronicled in the issue of Dec. 23rd, 1916.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—"3d War Stamp, originally with plate No. 5, is issued with plate 1; this stamp is paler than the first issue."—REV. L. MEISTER.

MEXICAN HORRORS.

The news comes to us that there will be another book on the subject of the Constitutionalist issues of Mexico that will emanate from no other source than that of the postal department of Mexico, personified by the urbane and unctuous Hinojosa, postmaster-general, himself. That reminds us that from all reports the correspondence addressed to Cosme Hinojosa by stamp dealers in this country is fearfully and wonderfully made. In fact, the *Revista Filatelica de Mexico* of Mexico City reproduces some letters that will make their writers sit up and take notice. However, this monthly is a sort of mouth-piece of the postmaster-general, we take it, and would certainly not be reluctant to make out the best possible case for the gentleman in question.

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BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 16, 1917.

To the Officers and Membres of the Boston Philatelic Society,

Gentlemen:—

With this meeting I complete my second year as President and turn over the duties of my office to another, whom I hope and believe will be able to leave the Society at the close of his term in better condition than it is today.

In looking back over my terms, I can see several things which I would do differently, were they to come up now, but which I thought at the time I was doing for the best.

The principal event of interest to our Society was the celebration of our 25th Anniversary by a dinner, and a very interesting meeting in February and its continuation by the Entertainment of the American Philatelic Society in August.

The dinner, which was held at The Hayward, was attended by 26 members and 1 visitor, including 4 of our Charter Members and 4 Presidents or Past Presidents of the American Philatelic Society.

The Convention in August was one of the largest and most successful in the history of the Society and had it not been for the threatened railroad strike, would doubtless have placed a mark hard to beat in the future.

The record of the week's business and pleasures has been published in our official organ, so I will not repeat it here, and will only congratulate you that, owing to your liberal contributions of time and money, we were able to arrange a continuous entertainment and that all of our visitors who expressed themselves stated that it was one of the best Conventions that they had ever attended. In addition to paying all of the bills, your committee was enabled to return a substantial dividend to the contributors.

It has been the custom of some of our Past Presidents to give a history of the philatelic happenings of the year, but with the European War and the Mexican Peace, it would be difficult to give even an outline of the various changes that have occurred, in a report of reasonable length, even were I capable of it. In these days of specializing, doubtless you all know more about the particular stamps you are interested in, than I do, and I should only display my ignorance.

The work of the Stereopticon Committee has been somewhat handicapped by the extra work incident to the Convention, and by the illness and death of our former Secretary, Mr. George L. Toppan, who had in charge the writing of part of a lecture, to be accompanied by lantern slides to illustrate it. This work has since been taken up by another committtee, and I am assured that they have the matter well under way, and that they will be able to complete it at an early date.

I am disappointed in our membership. With all our advantages and the reputation our Society has of being one of the leading societies in this country, together with the liberal inducements for new members, it did seem that we should surely reach the 250 mark during the first year of our second quarter century. Instead of this record, only 12 new members have been added, and the valuable membership prizes have gone by default.

I hope that the coming year every one will try to see if they can not add to our numbers and thus encourage our officers. With a little interest by the individual members, and the number of collectors in the Boston district, we should be able to pass this mark before the close of another year.

In closing, I would again express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation of the Council and the Convention Committee. Numerous meetings have been held during the year, and in every case, when a meeting has been called, more than a quorum has responded, and at most meetings nearly every member has been present.

The Council has worked in harmony and has tried to furnish entertainments that would please and interest the Society, but it seems to me that the members have not done their part as well. The officers must have suggestions from the members in order to know what is wanted and thus keep up the interest.

Wishing my successor and the other officers and members a prosperous year, I respectfully submit this report.

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Our review of "A Check List of the Stamps of Hawaii and More," by Charles Foster Richards, and several other publications of less importance has been held for the succeeding issue.

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In his bright and breezy way, B. L. T., the most famous of newspaper paragraphers, stuffs an interstice between the blocks of waggery and wisdom in his column in the Chicago *Tribune* with the information, important, if true:

"There are few topics which we find less fascinating than that of names; yet we vouchsafed a giggle to the information that Frank Clutter of Cedar Rapids is a collector of postage stamps."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Dr. Carroll Chase has just returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., from service in the French hospitals.

—We desire seven copies of No. 6, 1914, to complete volumes and subscribers favoring us with the missing number will in return receive two foreign exchanges. Papers should be mailed in the original folds, as free from wrinkles as possible.

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—Two weeks ago we referred to a Winnipeg dealer in an uncomplimentary manner. The reference was veiled and O. Kendall of the Hobby Club would like us to state that the item in question did not refer to him. We are pleased to do so.

—Greetings are at hand from our old dealer friend, C. F. Rothfuchs, who is wintering at Palm Beach, Fla. He wishes to be remembered to all friends.

—Certain claims against Carroll J. Agnew have been adjusted. Are there any scattering ones that have not as yet been attended to? Address particulars to this office.

—"In re Edw. Evans, whose name you published recently at my request for not returning approvals. In addition to letter previously reported, I now have one from Irvin B. Robinson, 52 Quincy Place N. W., Washington, D. C., stating that Evans has a selection of his valued at $3.84, and that he has written to the man three times about it without results."—E. A. SOUTHWICK.

—The subscription for a shut-in offered two weeks ago has been taken up, and we have now a second subscription offered for a similar use. J. G. Scott of Fresno, Cal., renewing his subscription adds, "Send a copy for the coming year to some deserving shut-in." This kindness upon the part of Mr. Scott will be appreciated.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from R. J. Mears, Lowell J. Ragatz, H. Elmer Crede, Wm. A. Biechele, J. A. Bobbitt and Arthur J. Martin.

—Harold K. Bowen of Fort Dodge, Ia., announces that he will be a candidate for International Secretary of the S. P. A. The political pot is beginning to boil early.

—The WEEKLY is in receipt of a six years' renewal of subscription from D. A. Callahan, Salt Lake City, Utah. We always feel like recognizing such evidence of faith in the future existence of our publication.

—Kent B. Stiles, a New York newspaper man and a subscriber to the WEEKLY, has been referred to as a frequent contributor to the press in a stamp collecting publicity propaganda. His latest avenue of activity is the editorship of the stamp department in the *Boys' Life*, Mr. Stiles commencing his work with the January number of that publication. Frank L. Coes of Worcester, Mass., formerly edited this department and his work was of a high order, but there is every reason to believe that Mr. Stiles will improve upon the pace that Mr. Coes set. Under the guiding hand of Mr. Stiles it is quite certain that the *Boys' Life* will be a greater factor than ever before in promoting the interests of stamp collecting.

—The Exchange Stamp Co. of San Francisco, formerly of New York, has inaugurated an exchange service, particulars of which may be obtained upon application. Note advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

—St. Paul, Minn., has a new advertising postal cancellation. It consists of the regular cancellation, including the following inscription in three lines:—"Outdoor Sports Carnival Jan. 27-Feb. 3". We are indebted to Geo. M. Brack for specimens.

—Advertisers will please refrain from quoting catalog prices in connection with Argentine Republic initialed peso values. We regret that recently these stamps were advertised incorrectly. The matter is brought to our attention this week in adlet copy submitted by M. Hillman.

—E. A. Southwick of Portland, Ore., reports R. D. Martin, El Centro, Cal., as paying no attention to letters sent him. Interested parties will please write Mr. Southwick.

—J. Saulnier informs us that the 10 sén of the new Japanese set is becoming scarce, and as high as a dollar is being asked for it in some stamp centers. *Stamp Collecting* for Jan. 13 just at hand confirms this rumor, stating that only a very limited number of this value was printed.

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P. M. Lawrence, Conneautville, Pa.,	2

This is the standing of our contestants Jan. 27, but in this connection we must add that many single new subscriptions have been received and doubtless many are qualifying for the competition. Prizes are offered to the two subscribers getting the largest number of new subscriptions before April 25, but dealers are debarred from this contest. The prizes offered are:—

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The first country in the world to issue adhesive postage stamps, a short history of the cause and origin of prepaid postage would be most opportune.

The then as now great commercial interchange between Britain and America at about the same period of Rowland Hill's great initiation of Postal Reform, was one of the causes of Elihu Burritts' scheme for universal penny postage—only as yet advanced between the English speaking peoples.

Some of the best known references to the early correspondence between England and the then American Colonies are found in the works of Defoe and Tobias Smollet. The fight for postal reform in Britain ranges from William Dockwra (1680) to the advent of Hill (1840). Many attempts were made partly under the Postmaster Generals as well as privately to found a regular system of cheap conveyance of correspondence—but the system wanting to make any one a success was that of Hill's prepayment by means of adhesive labels. Rowland Hill first attempted his scheme by means of stamped wrappers and covers—now known to the collectors as "Mulready" envelopes—from their designer. Few reforms—not excepting railroads, gas-lighting or automobiles ever suffered such a campaign of ridicule as the "Mulready" envelope and the "Penny Black." It is strange in these days to read of prominent persons writing to the press protesting against the insults to the Monarch by "common people spitting on the Queen's Effigy!" But that proved to be the most dangerous criticism that Rowland Hill suffered. To gauge the minds of those days, it is interesting to note that the real "Wait and See" Select Committee of the British House of Commons took, as the *Quarterly Review* of October, 1839 says, "one of the most inconsiderate jumps in the dark", after two years consideration, and three heavy reports, to try Hill's Postal Reform.

The first postage stamps very nearly became "classed" first, second and third—for rich man, middle man and poor man—for a Mr. Brewin of the Society of Fields argued that a gentleman of $5000 per annum might pay 12c for a letter—but that would represent a third of a poor laborer's daily wage—and the former should surely pay a postal tax in proportion to his income! The argument that seemed to carry most power was that cheap postage would "advance the spread of religion and promote charitable objects"—though one back-biting comment stated that it would in all likelihood spread a counter of "disaffection, irreligion and faction!" And of course the danger of forgery was hinted at.

However, Rowland Hill had consent of Parliament—and before six months passed the adhesive stamp was on as secure a foundation as it is today—despite mailing machines.

Unlike the postal emissions of the United States—until 1880 no regular system of issuing postage stamps in sets of values took place, the values being issued as required without any uniformity. Thus the present day collector finds the early British issues "all over the track"—and if he follows the routine of mounting his British stamps according to the order of the catalogue, I am afraid he will not find the arrangement present "a thing of beauty and joy forever."

The collector of British must first decide whether he will collect the plate numbers to be found on all issues from 1862 to 1881—for if so, then he is strongly advised to mount in a separate volume apart from the standard varieties. If he attempts to mix standard varieties with the series of plate numbers, he will create a labyrinth that will need a philatelic Theseus to unravel. He would better arrange into six sections of (1) Line Engraved; (2) Embossed; (3) Surface printed issues up to 1880; (4) the semi-unified Victorian issues from 1880 to 1901; (5) The Edwardian Issues and (6) the Georgian series—and it is in this order that I shall deal with the Postage Stamps of Great Britain. A subsequent treatise of British Official, Telegraphic and Postage Due Stamps will shortly appear.

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The matter was referred for conference with the Officials of the Royal Academy, and it was decided to follow the example of the coinage by a label difficult to imitate but easy of obliteration.

About this period a Jacob Perkins had invented a process of transferring an engraved die of hardened steel to one of soft steel—which permitted itself to be afterwards hardened without damage to the image. Rowland Hill strongly advocated the new stamps—and the contract was given to the firm of Perkins, Bacon & Co.

Now we arrive at one of the greatest controversies of the philatelic world. Several eminent authorities quote Frederick Heath as the actual engraver of the first die of the first postage stamp. Even the firm of Perkins, Bacon & Co. from their records credit Frederick Heath—due entirely to a signature for payment. From evidence of a parliament committee in 1852 and the authority of Joshua B. Bacon, a prominent member of the firm—the contract was given to and the die engraved by Charles Heath. On 7th April, 1840, Frederick Heath received payment on behalf of his father from Perkins, Bacon & Co., duly signing for same—so it will easily be seen how in later years reference to the origin of the "Penny Black" was credited to the son instead of the father.

Charles Heath used as his model the City of London Coronation Medal designed by the sculptor, W. Wyon, for the head of the Queen, the background being what is now known as engine-turned. The lower corners of the die were left blank—and then 240 impressions were taken on a sheet of the patented softened steel in twenty horizontal rows of twelve designs. Workmen then with steel lettered punches inserted the well known corner letters

A–A; A–B; A–C; up to A–T
B–A; B–B; B–C;
and so on down to the last line
L–A; L–B; L–C; to L–T.

This was done to minimise forgery—especially in the case of unobliterated portions of stamps being skilfully stuck together to form a whole—where in the later issues of the 1d reds the lettering was also inserted in reverse ratio in the upper corners.

After the insertion of the corner letters a proof was taken in black ink on plain white paper from the yet "softened" plate—and carefully scrutinised for flaws and errors of lettering. When passed the final inscriptions round the plate were engraved—and the steel hardened.

The inscription itself is worthy of note—for on each side of the sheet—one was informed that the stamps were "Price 1d per label. 1sh per row of 12. £1 per sheet. Place the labels above the address and towards the *Right Hand Side* of the Letter. In wetting the back be careful not to remove the Cement."

This "Cement" was in the main a composition of gum arabic and potato starch, but there is no doubt more than one formula was tried. The catalogues for some reason do not classify the Penny Black on blued paper as a standard variety—but more probably because it was caused by the action of one of the trial "cements"—and quite unlike the cause of the blued paper of the red stamps.

The paper was specially made by the firm of Wise & Company, Rush Mills, Northampton. It was hand made, originally grayish in tone—though time has in most cases seared it yellowish. The weight of the paper had to average 11 lbs. per ream—but owing to the irregularity of weight of hand made paper sheets varied in thickness—some lighter, some heavier, in order to correctly make up the count and weight, but no very thin sheets were ever used. Stamps that appear to be on almost pelure paper are most likely evenly thinned specimens of the thickest paper.

The Post Office for time immemorial had used a special red ink—or as it was then called, paint—for the marking and stamping of mail matter. With that conservativeness of British officialism, they matched their shirt to the button—and the first stamp was black in order to contrast the red obliteration. It was soon found that firstly in the case of badly cancelled stamps, or in cases where the ink on the pad had become dry that such specimens were easily cleaned by a little manipulation. Secondly, many small country offices were not supplied with the official cancelling ink—but made or provided their own under the terms of their agency. Thus in the latter case we find every shade from yellow to pink has been used to obliterate the first stamp—due no doubt to opinions as to the meaning of the color red in different parts of the country—and color-blindness. Experiments proved that good old black printing ink was the best and safest method of cancelling—besides being permanent—so the order was reversed in 1841—the stamp to be red and the cancellation black.

There were in all eleven plates of the penny black registered—but a little doubt exists whether plate 9 was used for the black—though it was used for the red stamps.

A half sheet of plate 9 came on the market some ten years ago—the writer possessing a framed photo processed reproduction of it in black—but of course, the originals were in red.

The two penny blue was made from the original die of the penny black with the substitution of the value label. It is supposed that plate one of the 2p stamp was accidently used without going through the hardening process—for plate 1 specimens are fairly easy to identify by reason of their "flatness" and rather "blotchy" appearance—against plate 2 anyway. There is no doubt that both plates of the 2p were in use together from July 1840, from date to be found on original letters. The watermark of the original black stamps is always the small crown, and fairly common inverted—but the unused large crown variety is really a government imitation made for Prince Consort Albert for his

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children and relatives in 1864 from a "die II" plate.

It would be difficult to assess the value of both these early stamps, since many thousands exist in the hands of British Collectors in the form of remade plates and sheets. Just previous to the fashion to re-plate, the penny black was almost a drug on the market and the finest specimens could be procured at two cents each. Probably, however, they will never depreciate below from 35c to 50c each. It is worthy of note that the Maltese Cross obliteration was first used in June 1840. A few indistinct double corner letters will be found in the penny black issue, but the only variety is the letter D over the letter I. The so-called "guide" or "hair" lines are really due to scratches on the plate in the former instance and a foreign substance between the ink and the paper in the latter.

The check list of standard varieties therefore stands :—

May 1840.

Handmade grayish paper; watermarked small crown.

1d full black, sharp impression.
1d sombre black.
1d sombre black, smudgy impression.
1d gray black, smudgy impression.
1d full black on bluish paper.
2d full blue, plate I.
2d purplish blue, plate I.
2d full blue, plate II, very sharp impression.
2d blue, plate II, medium impression.
2d pale blue (plate doubtful).

(Both values occur with watermark inverted.)

(To be continued.)

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—F. R. Albrecht, Winter Hill, Mass., has copies of the WEEKLY from March, 1909, to December, 1916, in good condition, which he will be willing to donate to anyone who will pay expressage upon the same. Preference will be given to a stamp club or society.

—Some of our subscribers are in so much of a hurry to renew their subscriptions that they forget to convey the necessary information in connection with the renewal. Will the New York subscriber who sent us a check last week signed J. R. Kremer or J. R. Kummer, please communicate with this office. We have a renewal from a subscriber in Washington, D. C., with absolutely no indication as to name and address.

—We have received from Bright & Son under date of January, 1917, a priced catalog of war stamps. It is the second edition of this catalog and its contents are fully indicated by its title. Price, 9c postfree. A third edition is promised in the course of a few months.

—There is a letter at this office for H. W. Flansburgh. Will subscribers please note the fact that our mailing list is so cut up into routes that finding a subscriber's name alphabetically is out of the question.

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—The many friends of John A. Solomon, the precancel enthusiast, will be interested in knowing that he has recently taken possession of a store at 148 Charles St., Providence, R. I., where he will conduct a men's furnishing business. Correspondents will note change in address.

—"I am in receipt of a letter from Chas. J. Nissen, 2510 Aubert Ave., Chicago, Ill., stating that this party has an approval selection of his valued at $9, and he can get no response from her. In writing to him she used the name 'Mrs. Allan Kryofca'. The evidence is certainly piling up in this case."—E. A. SOUTHWICK.

—We have received from Mrs. Oughtred a clipping from the Montreal *Star* of Jan. 17, giving the particulars of more stringent regulations in connection with the taxing of attendants upon places of amusement. Mrs. Oughtred submits specimens of 1c and 2c tickets and advises us that there are six in the set. The tax is graduated as follows :— on a 5c admission, 1c; 10c to 34c the tax is 2c; 35c to 75c the tax is 3c; 76c to $1 the tax is 4c; $1.01 to $1.50 the tax is 5c and over $1.50, 10c. The tickets are printed in various colors.

—J. C. Jay, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, would like to hear from parties who have been defrauded by Mrs. M. N. Calfka, Brooklyn, N. Y., and R. W. Wirt, Enid, Okla. Mr. Jay had such good success in rounding up Virgil K. Yowell that we wish to give him all the publicity and support possible in his present undertaking. Calfka has victimized E. A. Southwick, the Apex Stamp Co. and C. A. Ploch. Wirt is indebted to H. Wendt and the Wichita Stamp Co. Write Mr. Jay.

—L. A. Micheloni, M. D., en route to Montevideo by the steamer "Crofton Hall" sends us greetings from St. Lucia. He writes that he will remain in Montevideo a few months and expects to advertise in the WEEKLY while resident there.

—Mrs. A. Calfkea and Mrs. Kafka are undoubtedly one and the same person. Any dealers having complaints will please send same to the Am. Stamp Dealers' Assn., Perry, Ohio.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from B. E. James, Carl W. Heinrici, W. H. Prior, Merton E. Whitten and M. Casper.

A U. S. SERVICE FOR PHILATELISTS.

Frank M. Mason, the Providence dealer, sends us information to the effect that the P. O. Department will soon have accommodations at the Washington post office looking to the supplying of well-centered stamps to collectors and dealers. We are permitted to quote the following extract from a letter to Mr. Mason from the Third Assistant Postmaster General :—

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This action of the Department will be greatly appreciated by all.

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EDITORIAL.

Dates—Through the courtesy of Mr. Sumner Gary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, we are enabled to reproduce the following letter from Director Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, under date of the 22nd instant: "In reply to your letter of the 20th instant requesting list of plates and dates on which certain denominations of postage stamps were first printed on unwatermarked paper, I beg to set forth the information desired, with four exceptions: 9-cent ordinary, Plate Nos. 6915, 6907, 6901, 6905, Dec. 12, 1916. 11-cent ordinary, Plate Nos. 7498, 7499, 7504, 7505, Oct. 30, 1916. 15-cent ordinary, Plate Nos. 6833, 6809, 6819, 6825, Nov. 2, 1916. 20-cent ordinary, Plate Nos. 6920, 6908, 6909, 6926, Nov. 23, 1916. 1-dollar ordinary, Plate No. 5782, December 12, 1916. 1-cent postage due, Plate Nos. 5510, 5534, 5522, Nov. 16, 1916. The 30-cent ordinary, and 3, 5 and 10-cent postage due stamps have not yet been printed on unwatermarked paper. Relative to a change in perforations, I beg to state that such change has not yet been made but it is expected within the next three months to commence perforations that will average 10¾ on the shorter dimension by 13½ on the longer dimension of the stamp." Mr. Gary makes the following comment: "I am afraid that all this complication about perforations, watermarked and unwatermarked papers, revenue issues, coil stamps, etc., is going to react upon our hobby as it will discourage some who endeavor to arrive at completeness. I believe that if the perforation 10¾ by 13½ is adopted it will be dropped like hot cakes for the reason that the finer perforation will be along the sides of the stamps and will tend to make the whole sheets at the Post Office separate much more readily and produce a curling effect, due to the perforations along the top making the paper stiffer than along the sides."

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Publicity—We are always grateful for an opportunity to call attention to any unusual volume of publicity for philately in the newspaper press and so it follows that with a spirit of elation we say that a remarkable collection of articles on philatelic subjects has appeared in the newspapers recently. Further, we find that some of the newspapers of prominence are treating the phases of philately editorially, and through all these printed accounts an intelligent appreciation of stamps is shown. For instance, the editorial that referred recently in the WEEKLY to an able article in the Newark *Call* has brought forth the information from the Scott Stamp & Coin Company that on January 7th the article in question appeared in the following list of newspapers as well as the Newark *Call*: Hartford *Globe*, Pittsburg *Dispatch*, Buffalo *Express*, St. Paul *News*, Cincinnati *Commercial Tribune* and San Francisco *Examiner*. We commend the agency through which the Sunday editors of these newspapers were able to secure the philatelic publicity in question. In sending an editorial, "Postage Stamps and the War", from the Pittsburgh *Chronicle Telegraph* of January 23rd, 1917, Mr. H. Elmer Crede says: "It certainly shows the hobby of stamp collecting in a favorable light to those who may have read it." This editorial is noteworthy as being an interesting utterance on the instructive possibilities of the stamp album during the stressful period of the war. We cannot forbear to quote the closing paragraph: "And so it goes. In every corner of the globe the stamp album records the changes in proprietorship due to the war, and the end is not yet. A complete set of all the stamps issued during the war would constitute a pictorial, historical record of no little interest and value for posterity." Mr. C. R. Fulmer of Boonville, N. Y., sends an editorial from the Utica *Herald-Despatch* which is headed, "Of Philatelic Interest", and it is only fair to say that so well is the editorial prepared that it would loan strength to the pages of many a stamp paper.

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Postmarks—From Mr. L. J. Flerlage, Norwood, Ohio, we have received a two cent stamped envelope used for railroad business and canceled with rubber stamp inscription. Mr. Flerlage says: "I am sending a railroad claim paper envelope. In this instance the railroads pay Uncle Sam for the privilege of having train baggagemen handle the railroads' own mail. Note the 'Caution'." "Canceled" and the date are the chief points of the cancellation. Mr. H. M. Norton, St. Paul, Minn., has sent us several impressions of the special postmark: "Out Door Sports Carnival Jan. 27-Feb. 3."

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Shift—A correspondent writes: "I have read with interest the account of the early U. S. stamps as edited by Bill Bloss, and I note that he says that there is a slight transfer of the five cent, 1847. Just recently I purchased a cover with the five cent, 1847 issue on it and the stamp shows a distinct double transfer. The cancellation which covers the stamp and part of the envelope reads, blue in circle, 'Philadela, Pa.—Feb. 3—5 cts'. The double transfer may be described: The top and bottom lines of frame show double lines distinctly, without the aid of glass. The left line of frame is partly double. The 'P' of Postage has a white dot in it, while the 't' shows lines in the end of the horizontal part. The shirt of Franklin shows double lines in it. The 'i' of five and the 'e' of cents each shows a line and the 'U' of U. S. has a line in one of the horizontal bars of the U. The 'f's' of office have a line. Both figures 5 have distinct lines in them and the 'H' of the engravers' initials is almost in duplicate, side by side. The double line of frame at top and bottom shows the two lines as distinctly as any two fine adjacent lines of the stamp normally." A distinct shifted transfer in the ten cent of the 1847 issue has been recognized by specialists for many years, and our correspondent presents convincingly a companion piece in the five cent. Heretofore, the double transfer varieties of the five cent have not been advanced by any flare of trumpets, so unimpressive have they been. We have seen a wonderful copy of a distinct and satisfactory shift in the proof of the five cents, and now a similar distinction is claimed for the stamp itself.

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Recent—A reader, Mr. Winslow H. Foster, Chicago, says: "I submit enclosed strip of five of the six cent current U. S., which I bought at the Chicago office on January 8th, 1917. The following day I inquired at the same window and found some plate No. 7137, but an examination of them showed no duplicate of this stamp. Is the variation a slip in printing or a shifted transfer?" Mr. Foster's strip of five of the six cent shows what may be called the typical markings, localized rather than embracive of the design in whole of the shifted transfer. Words fail in any description of the minor duplications of print here and there; and it is a kindness not to inflict any attempt at verbal picturing on readers, but merely to tell them to look for a seeming shift on plate No. 7137 of the six cent.

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Growl—Now that shifted transfers have had their inning, we shall give the floor to good old Gruff, one of the most confirmed philatelic growlers of the age. Every now and then we receive a blast from him, and then we add fuel to his fury by giving his strongest periods a mollifying tone. He assails us and heaps imprecations on our heads for introducing a softening note when he wants sternest strife. As a peace offering, we give his latest pronunciamento, literally (almost): "Any old-timer with an ounce of sense or sentiment in his veins must find his gorge rising to the choking point when he sees how a gang of clacquers is trying to force shifts, double transfers and such like to the seats of the philatelic mighty. These things are the merest incidents when weighed in the scale of philatelic importance, and it is the acme of absurdity to try to boost them to a prominence undeserved and unjust. Do you not know, even in your simplicity, that schemes are worked for the advantage of a group of mercenaries who play their game as skilfully and remorselessly as big interests are supposed to do in the stock market? Do not loan your columns to the furtherance of any plots to milk the innocent and unsuspecting collector who may be seduced into the purchase of shifts at fancy prices by the wise ones who started the advertising of the varieties. . . ." and so on, but why read farther? In the next paragraph we shall reply briefly to the fulminations of our ungentle reader.

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Open—The secret or conspiratory idea does not flourish in philately. In no other pursuit that comes to mind do the followers show such an independence of thought and action. They are not to be driven and they are not easy to lead. If any class of stamps is "touted" successfully, it is because the minds of philatelists were receptive to them. It is true that exploitation in print may stimulate a latent or dormant interest in certain issues, but the seeds are there to sprout. It is known that concerted efforts to boom stamps for selfish purposes have fallen flat in the past, and when stamps are accepted it is for the reason that they strike a responsive chord in the collecting breast. The clique or cabal finds poor pickings in philately, and while there are some who do not hesitate to exploit philately for their own ends, yet the success that attends their procedure is so dubious on the whole that operations of the kind are not to be construed as a menace to philately by any exaggeration of thought.

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DUTCH NEWS AND NOTES.

By Otto Weismann.

I read the article in the Weekly of 2nd Dec. re Netherlands under the rcign of Queen Wilhelmina and in general agree with its contents, but on one point I feel obliged to make a remark, as the fear some remainders of the Orange-Nassau issue might come on the market is quite unfounded. Our postal authorities keep it a strict rule not to sell any old issues of stamps of the Netherlands and I see no reason why they should depart now from this rule. Moreover, it certainly need not be feared that any 2½ up to 1gld of foresaid issue might be sold for the simple reason that there are no remainders of these, all having been sold out in regular way at the post offices, since some years.

The values 2½, 5 and 10 gulden are still to be had at the P. O. and used for postal purposes. In the case the Postmaster General might consider it necessary to get rid of them, I suppose he rather would have them surcharged.

I do not know for which reason our Royal House is called by American philatelists: NASSAU-ORANGE, whilst its official title being: ORANGE-NASSAU. The founder of the House, the Great Ancestor of our kings: Prince William the Silent, was born a Duke of Nassau and inherited the Princedom of Orange, from his cousin Rene de Chalon. Prince being a higher title than Duke, he was called in Holland *"Prins van Orange"* or "Orange-Nassau."

In consequence of change in postal rates following Netherlands stamps will be withdrawn as soon as the supply being exhausted: 1½, 17½, 22½, 50 cent and 5 gulden and a new value 30c will be issued.

NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR EXCHANGE.

Dollar exchange has come with New Zealand.

On account of the increasing business between New Zealand and the United States, and the uncertainty of the exchange value of the pound sterling, the New Zealand banks are carrying credits in dollars in American banking institutions. Transactions, instead of being in pounds sterling and drafts being drawn in the old way on London, are now carried on in dollars.

"I expected that this would come in due course," explained Reginald Back, special representative of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand. "I do not think that the war in Europe had much to do with it. Business between New Zealand and the United States has increased so rapidly—was increasing so fast before the war—that the use of the dollar was inevitable."

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1st Issue.—A large assortment of Essays, Die Proofs, "Specimen" stamps, etc.
1854.—1st Issue, ½a red (9½ arches) a horizontal pair and **a unique ½ sheet of 60 with marginal inscriptions** (Scott's No. 1).
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1866.—2a purple, a mint horizontal Strip of 20 (Scott's No. 215).
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1908, 2½gld blue, No. 79 ..... 1.50
1908, 1gld lilac, No. 96 ..... .12
1908, 2½gld blue, No. 97 ..... .85
1912, 1gld lilac, No. 99 ..... .60
1911, 1gld lilac, No. 218 ..... .20
1911, 2½gld blue, No. 219 ..... .80

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France 1914, No. 201 ..... .10
France 1914, No. 202 ..... .07
French Guiana, No. 201 ..... .40
French Guiana, No. 202 ..... .07
French Guinea, No. 201 ..... .07
French India, No. 102 ..... .18
French India, No. 103 ..... .07
French Oceanica, No. 104 ..... .07
Guadeloupe, No. 151 ..... .07
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Buiten Bezit, 17½c (71) ..... .18 .10
Buiten Bezit, ½,1,2½,5,10,12½,25c .33 .15
Java, 7½c (86) ..... .10 .05
Java, 17½c (90) ..... .12 .07
Java, 22½c (92) ..... .20 .10
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REFORM OF COINAGE.

Bill for Establishment of Decimal Coinage in Britain.

(This is a very important bit of news. The clipping is from a Montreal paper and is sent in by Mrs. Oughtred. What possibilities are in store for the collector of Gt. Britain and her colonies?—Ed.)

London, Jan. 27.—The executive council of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain is about to consider the draft of proposals for the reform of weights, measures and coinage, and if they are approved of they will be submitted to the Chambers throughout the country. If a general approval of the Chambers is given, bills for the carrying out of the proposals will be submitted to Parliament.

A bill providing for the establishment of a decimal coinage probably will receive first attention and the bills for metric weights and measures will not be acted on until the decimal coinage has become familiar. The suggestion is to make the existing florin, which is one-tenth of a pound, the unit and replace the existing farthing, which is 1-96th of a florin, by a cent equal to a hundredth of a florin.

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UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels advises us of the following new envelopes:—

Issue 1915.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
2c	C	13	Amber	20	101
2c	A	8	Amber	20	91

Issue 1916.

2c	A	7	White	19	51
2c	A	3	White	20	80
2c	A	3	Buff	20	92

BOLIVIA.—We note from several sources that the currency of this country has been changed from centavos to centimos, making necessary a new issue of stamps. The value of a centimo is estimated to be from one-half to three-fifths of a centavo.

BOSNIA.—*Scott's Circular* reads, "Changes in the postal tariffs of the Central Powers of Europe have affected the stamps of Bosnia and new issues of postage and postage due stamps are about to appear. Several new values will be added to each series and a number of the old ones discontinued."

CANAL ZONE.—Gerald D. Bliss and Emil J. Rall send us the following information, contained in a newspaper clipping:—

The new Canal Zone postage stamps of the 12, 15 and 24 cent denomination which have just been received by the bureau of posts for the Canal Zone will probably be ready for distribution to the different post offices throughout the Zone the early part of next week (Jan. 22nd). It was the original intention of the postal authorities to begin the issue of these new stamps on February 1st, but owing to the fact that the checking and preparations for issue were completed sooner than was expected, the issue will begin almost immediately.

The stamps are of a very beautiful design and done in three colors. The 12 cent stamp has a picture of the S. S. Panama passing through the Culebra Cut, view taken going north. The medallion is in black, the surcharge, "Canal Zone," in blue and the frame in lavender color. The 15 cent stamp has a picture of the same ship, view taken going south. It is done in black, blue and baby blue. The 24 cent stamp has the picture of the SS Christobal tied up in the Gatun Locks and is done in black, blue and light brown. The stamps are printed by the American Bank Note Company.

Later.—As we go to press specimens of these three beautiful stamps are at hand by courtesy of Mr. Rall.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—From *Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* we note the 2½d stamp has been locally surcharged "WAR STAMP 1½d." This represents a war tax of ½d on all letters addressed to the British Dominions.

War Adhesive.

1½d (on 2½d) ultramarine.

GRENADA.—"A new Red Cross label has been issued by the local Society in this Colony. It is similar to that issued two years ago, but has, around the cross, the four years '1914-1915-1916-1917', and is inscribed at foot, 'ONE FARTHING'. The impression is typographed in red, and roughly perforated as before, but not gummed. In a vertical pair which Mr. T. Palmer has shown us, the lower label has the year '1917' omitted; we wonder whether this omission is intentional."—*Stamp Collecting.*

JAMAICA.—An interesting error crept into the January printing of War Stamps. One stamp to a sheet shows the overprint as WAR TAMP—the "S" omitted. While it is probable that all three values show this error, only the 1½d and 3d have been reported so far. The printing was very small and was on sale but a few days when the error was discovered by the General Post Office, and all sheets recalled for correction. Instead of abstracting this one stamp, and reissuing the sheets minus this one stamp, the missing "S" was supplied by handstamping with a loose letter "S", and the sheets then re-issued. Naturally all sheets do not have the added "S" in correct alignment, and in some cases it is several type spaces away from the TAMP. Local overprintings will soon be a thing of the past, as supplies of all three values have been ordered overprinted in London.—HARRY E. HUBER.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—*Stamp Collecting* reports the current 8 tanga, mauve, surcharged "6 reis." A "very limited edition."

OUR DEALER BOOSTING.

Edgewood Stamp Co., Milford, Conn.
W. P. Colman, Washington, D. C.
Royal Stamp Co., West Phila., Pa.
H. J. Schmidt, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The four leading boosters remain in the same relative position as last week. The work done by the Edgewood Stamp Co., W. P. Colman, the Royal Stamp Co. and H. J. Schmidt entitles them to our continued thanks, and we take pleasure in prefacing this article with their names in bold type. Mr. Holloway of the Edgewood Stamp Co. visiting Boston last week, called at the WEEKLY office and the Managing Editor was very pleased to renew his acquaintance with him. A cordial invitation was extended to visit the Milford plant, and this will possibly be accepted when in April a business trip to New York City will be in order.

We are not at all slow in recognizing the work that has been done for us by other dealers, and the long list published below indicates that we have many enthusiastic friends who are on the lookout for new subscribers. The standing on Saturday, Feb. 3, was as follows:—

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W. P. Colman, Washington, D. C.,	27
Royal Stamp Co., W. Phila., Pa.,	18
H. J. Schmidt, Pittsburg, Pa.,	12
H. S. Powell Stamp Co., Storm Lake, Ia.,	9
M. Ohlman, N. Y. City,	5
Star Stamp Co., Waterford, Wis.,	5
C. E. Nickles, Washington, D. C.,	5
Detroit Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich.,	5
R. E. Jonckheere, Billerica, Mass.,	5
Burt McCann, Minneapolis, Minn.,	4
Watch City Stamp Co., Waltham, Mass.,	4
Robt. Millard Co., Detroit, Mich.,	3
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Application for Membership: Clifford S. Kepner, Fargo, N. D., age 16, student. References and other matter being looked up.

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This is the standing of our contestants Feb. 3, but in this connection we must add that many single new subscriptions have been received and doubtless many are qualifying for the competition. Prizes are offered to the two subscribers getting the largest number of new subscriptions before April 25, but dealers are debarred from this contest. The prizes offered are:—

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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AMOY.—An important port in the province of Fu-kien, China, situated on two islands at the mouth of the Lung-kiang (Dragon river). It is in almost daily communication with Hong Kong by steamer and a bi-weekly service exists between it and Foochow. It has a present population of about 100,000. It has an extensive foreign trade, a large proportion of which is with the United States. European trade with Amoy dates from early in the 16th century, the East India Company having a station there at various times between 1661 and 1730. By the treaty of Nanking (1842) the port was opened to foreign trade. A branch of the Shanghai Municipal Post was established here in 1890 and in 1894 the Local Post was taken over by the Amoy Chamber of Commerce and arrangements were made to issue special stamps. These were first placed on sale on June 8th, 1895, and continued in use for some years. According to Mr. Mencarina the stamps were manufactured by Messrs. Charles Schleicher & Schull, of Duren, Rhenish-Prussia, Germany.

AMTLICHER VERKEHR.—An inscription shown upon the official stamps of Wurtemberg signifying "official communication."

ANATOΛIKH POMYΛIA. — (Anotolike Roumelia) An inscription shown on the 1881-4 stamps of Eastern Roumelia—the Greek rendering of the name of the province.

ANCACHS.—One of the departments of the republic of Peru situated on the Pacific slope and having an area of 16,562 square miles and a population of about half a million. In 1884 provisional 1c, 5c and 10c stamps were issued for use here, these being formed by overprinting some of the ordinary stamps with the word "Franca" or distinctive control stamps.

ANCHOR.—A watermarked device in the paper used for some of the stamps of Great Britain and the Cape of Good Hope. There are three main varieties known as "unfouled", "fouled", and "cabled". In the first of these the anchor is quite plain, while in the others it is shown entwined with a length of cable.

ANDORRA.—A small republic situated in the mountain fastnesses of the Pyrenees between France and Spain. It is one of the oldest commonwealths in Europe, having preserved its independence for more than eleven centuries. At the present time it is nominally under the suzerainty of France and Spain. Although it has a well organized postal and telegraph service it has not issued stamps for the simple reason that it has no use for them. Within the borders of the little state letters are carried absolutely free while those sent to the outside world are franked with French or Spanish stamps.

ANGELI, HEINRICH VON.—A Hungarian painter who was born at Osdenburg in 1840. In 1862 he settled in Vienna and devoted himself almost exclusively to portrait painting. He visited Great Britain and Germany and had the honour of painting the portraits of the royalties of both countries. His portrait of Queen Victoria was reproduced on the 2r, 3r, and 5r stamps of India, the 3pies stamp of the same country, and also the first stamps for Southern Nigeria.

ANGOLA.—The general name applied to the whole of the vast Portuguese territory between the Congo State on the northeast, the Barotse kingdom of British Central Africa on the east, and German Southwest Africa on the south. It has an area of 484,000 square miles and a coast line which stretches for more than a thousand miles. Angola is considered an integral part of the motherland and sends two deputies to the Portuguese Parliament. It issued its first postage stamps in 1870.

ANGRA.—A fortified port and capital of the Azores Islands. Its full name is Angra do Heroismo and it has a population of about 12,000. In 1892 in common with Horta and Ponta Delgada it was granted the privilege of issuing its own postage stamps which were in use concurrently with the general issue for the whole of the Azores. Since 1906 these special stamps have ceased to be used.

ANILINE.—A term occasionally met with in descriptions of stamp colors, more especially in connection with mauve and carmine shades. These colors are as a rule very brilliant and as they are particularly soluble in water they are an excellent safeguard against fraudulent cleaning of stamps. It is probable that the majority of these so-called aniline shades are not derived direct from true aniline which is itself not very soluble in water. More probably they belong to the same class as aniline dyes—compounds obtained by the oxidation of certain other compounds. True aniline is an aromatic base occurring in coal-tar and similar products of the distillation of nitrogenous bodies. It was first obtained in this manner from indigo, but is now produced almost exclusively from the benzine of coal-tar. Aniline is an oily liquid, colorless when pure, but which turns brown if kept for any length of time. It is poisonous; is slightly soluble in water, but more so in benzine or alcohol.

ANIVERSARIO DE LA INDEPENDENCIA.—A surcharge applied to the 2c Honduras stamps of 1911 on the 19th of September of that year to mark the ninetieth anniversary of the Independence of the republic.

ANJOUAN, SULTANAT D'.—One of the islands of the Comoro group belonging to France, and situated halfway between Madagascar and the east coast of Africa. It has had its own stamps since November, 1892.

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This issue of stamps has probably been better studied by the specialist than any other. It offers a wonderfully attractive field for research, as some of the stamps have been obtainable until recently in quantities large enough to permit of study. Not a great many years ago almost every dealer had a good stock of the 3c value and a fairly large quantity of the 1c and 10c. Of course, the specialists have gradually absorbed these stocks until the desirable items remaining are now not numerous.

There are many different reasons for the attention that has been given these stamps. They are old, being the first long set to be issued by our government and there is a zest in collecting these "classic" stamps. The collector who makes a find in these stamps studies them closely, as a rule. Naturally, this attention brings out other details that would pass unobserved under ordinary circumstances. The engraving on this issue is superior and the average collector likes a handsome stamp.

Of the minor varieties plate varieties are the most popular. Varieties of paper are hard to distinguish sometimes, but plate varieties can usually be determined with the naked eye. This issue is particularly fruitful in this respect, as many changes were made in the plates in the term of years they were in use. Some of these changes are caused by the wearing of time, others by alterations made necessary because of perforating. The fact that certain of these values can be plated adds to their popularity.

Each value has been studied carefully, and monographs have appeared, so the collector who wishes to go deeply into this issue can do so without much effort in securing literature. Dr. Carroll Chase some years ago issued a very exhaustive booklet on his work of plating the 3c value, and much otherwise has been discovered and written.

However, there are a number of very distinct varieties that are of interest to both general collector and specialist, and which prove very difficult to distinguish to collectors who must depend on the limited descriptions in the catalogues. Too often we are misled into thinking that we have the rarities when we have only the common types.

An act of Congress, dated March 3rd, 1851, changed the postal rates materially and made necessary the issuance of a number of new values. Accordingly, it was decided to issue an entirely new series, and a contract was immediately placed with the engraving firm of Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co. of Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Cincinnati. This firm was one of the foremost bank note engravers of its time.

The 1847 issue was continued in use until June 30, 1851. On July 1st, three values of the new series were placed on sale, the 1c, 3c, and 12c.

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The color—blue—varies considerably. Certain of the type varieties contain more shades than others. Wove paper was used throughout this issue. This paper differs considerably both in weave and thickness. Some of the early impressions are found on a paper bearing the faint bluish tinge of the previous issue. The general texture of the paper is hard, white. The gum used is thick brown or yellowish, and often stains the paper.

There are four principal types of the 1c stamp, both perforated and imperforate. These cause a great deal of confusion to the collector who is unable to distinguish them readily. Two of these types in each of the issues are quite common, while two are rare. The average collector likes to believe that he has the rare varieties, hence the difficulties. Careful study of the illustrations will show the differences of these types very readily.

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TYPE I.

In Type II, the ends of these scrolls are missing, or appear to be broken and worn, giving the scrolls an incomplete appearance, since they do not turn under. This variety is caused by the cutting away of the ornaments on the transfer roll.



TYPE II.

In Type III, the ornaments are broken as in Type II, while the outer lines of the label are cut away in the center, giving the effect of a "broken circle".



TYPE III.

Type IV also shows the broken ornaments of Type II, but the outer line of the circle has been re-cut. In the original type (II) the line is quite light, in uniformity to the other lines of the ornaments, while in Type IV the re-cut line is much heavier, and in most cases the re-cutting ends abruptly where the lines join, giving an uneven appearance. Types II and IV are very often confused, but the heavy line of the re-cut type can be readily distinguished after a little practice.



TYPE IV.

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Pen cancellations are frequently seen on the 1c value, and are responsible for many of the cleaned copies offered as unused. Gum should be a necessity on these unused stamps to prove their condition beyond doubt. Of course, the vast majority of the bona fide unused copies exist without gum owing to the many hands they have passed through (and the many album pages they have been glued on in the olden days).

Another popular means of defrauding the unsuspecting collector is by trimming perforated copies to make imperforates. A genuine imperforate can only be proven as such beyond all doubt when in a pair or strip or block. Copies with poor margins may have been trimmed, though none of these stamps have very large margins, as they were very closely placed on the plate.

The stamps of this issue are particularly fruitful in cancellations, and offer a great field for research, both from a historical and philatelic viewpoint. The town, month, day and year dates are very useful in determining the date of issue of the different varieties, and many of these are quite rare. The "Transportation" cancellations are also of interest, as they tell of the way in which mail was handled. Among these cancellations are the railroad, giving the name or initials of the line, and other data; the river packet or steam-boat; the express; and the many obliterations used, such as "Way", "Steam", Steam Ship". Carrier and "Supplementary Mail" cancellations also tell their story of the postal service. Paid cancellations in variations are not infrequently found. Colored cancellations can be secured in many tints. Some of these are much rarer than others, green being among the rarest.

The Government reprints will be considered in a later article, covering these issues.

(To be continued.)

U. S. 1915, 2c PERF. 12x10.

By ADOLPH JENISTA.

I have read with interest J. M. Bartels' article on the 1916 2c perf. 10x11 in your Jan. 27 issue and think it no more than right to give you what little information I have regarding the 1915 2c carmine perf. 12x10.

I have had a superb copy of this stamp in my collection since about Jan. 1915, and wrote to several specialists in regard to it and received no other information than that this stamp may be an error or an experiment.

On March 26, I wrote to Mr. Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the following is from his letter, dated March 29, 1915:—

"No doubt you refer, in speaking of compound perforations on the stamp which you possess, to two kinds of perforations on one stamp.

For your information, I would state that the top and bottom perforations are made on one machine, while the sidewise perforations are made on another.

It was possible therefore, for the stamp to be perforated in the manner to which you call attention, as it was not feasible when the change was made to the coarse perforations, to change all the perforating wheels on all the machines simultaneously."

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—Saturday, February 10, the Hobby Club of Winnipeg, Can., had a special event to which boys were invited. There was a talk on stamps by A. E. Hearn of the Aberdeen School. Stamps were distributed to the lucky holders of coupons and refreshments were served.

—"I wish to report C. H. Walden of Leominster, Fitchburg and Worcester, Mass., who under date of June 8, 1916, acknowledged that he owed me $20.45. Being unable to secure satisfaction, I placed the account in the hands of a local firm of attorneys, who report that the claim cannot be collected." Other dealers who are similarly situated should place the facts at our disposal.

—In the advertisement of the Colonial Stamp Co. "Scarce B. N. A." published Feb. 3, New Brunswick, No. 2 was priced at $3.50, when it should have been $13.50. We regret the mistake.

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—B. L. Drew & Co. are very pleased with the results of their 290th sale. The total results were $5,267.70 and excluding one lot the average was slightly over 50%.

—There was a self-evident error in a recent advertisement of B. F. Clausen when 50c parcel posts were advertised at 25c per 10 and $1.75 per 100. The value should have been 20c instead of 50c, which makes a substantial difference. The copy was written in pencil, which added to the difficulty of correctly translating it. We regret the error and wish to ask our advertisers in the future to send typewritten copy or at least write the same in ink. One cannot be too careful in writing figures plainly when preparing copy for the printer.

—The following officers have been elected to serve till Jan. 1, 1918, by Buffalo Branch, No. 9 of the S. P. A.: H. E. Klotzbach, president; Leroy C. Brown, vice-president; H. C. Flierl, Sec.-Treas.; G. T. Simpson, sales manager; A. D. Krause, J. J. Staub, W. Watson, Trustees. Stamp collectors in Buffalo or vicinity are cordially invited to attend the meetings, the first and third Fridays in each month, at the Knickerbocker Academy, Main & Ferry Sts., Buffalo, N. Y.

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—There was an error in the Andrew Sledd, Jr., advertisement of Jan. 27. Newfoundland, No. 18, was offered at 25c and No. 20 at 40c. The prices should have been reversed. Mr. Sledd assumes full responsibility for the mistake and filled all the orders that he received for No. 18 at 25c. This certainly was a praise-worthy act upon Mr. Sledd's part.

—The 32nd annual dinner of that sterling organization, the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, will be held at the Narragansett Hotel on Tuesday evening, February 20. In addition to the dinner, officers will be elected and a general good time is expected.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Mr. Charles F. Richards, New York City, who long has been esteemed as a student of the issues of the Hawaiian Islands, has enriched the literature of philately by a book or pamphlet of thirty-eight pages and cover, entitled "A Check List of the Stamps of Hawaii —and More."

While Mr. Richards heretofore has contributed articles and lists of Hawaiian stamps to the philatelic press, the work under notice easily is Mr. Richards' most ambitious effort. The index ranging from Bogus Stamps to Shades bears testimony to the scope of and thoroughness of this book, the edition of which is limited to 400 copies. A fine portrait of the author, who also is the publisher of the work is an appropriate frontispiece. The postage stamps, revenue stamps, stamped envelopes, Wells, Fargo & Company franks, die and plate proofs, counterfeits and stamp literature all are described; and so, the monograph becomes an indispensible one to the one whose inclination is to delve under the surface of these fascinating issues. In passing, it is to be said with some show of reason that the time is about here for a "recrudescence of interest" in the issues of our colony.

The sensible treatment of the stamps removes the perplexities that obscure the earlier issues in the minds of many average collectors and permits of an understanding that will have its tendency to popularize the stamps of Hawaii. In this connection, it is but fair to commend the standard catalogue for its liberal explanations in regard to the reprints, reissues, etc., but Mr. Richards' check list greatly amplifies the subject and gives fullest information on all points. The author's formula is to list the stamps with date of use; their shades; the types and varieties; places of printing and when the statistics are available, the number of stamps printed. The notes are copious and of instructive interest. Beginning with the famous Missionaries, the story is told through the issue of the republic and data such as dissertations on paper, "shades or fades," historic incidents in connection with the issue and disposal of certain stamps, interspersed throughout give a sense of continuity to the treatise. The descriptions of the revenue stamps, proofs, counterfeits, literature, etc., make the work valuable for reference purposes.

In considering a book of the kind, it is futile and unfair to quote from its pages as fragmentary allusions do not do justice to the unbroken excellence of all the text. Suffice it to say that the reasons for the Maltese cross cancellation on some of the high values; the existence of the stock of 18 dull rose without gum; the remainders of the official set, etc., etc., are set forth at some length.

We know that Mr. Richards has gained the gratitude of those who appreciate the fact that lean returns attend the publication of a philatelic work and we feel that Mr. Richards' contribution is a labor of love, but nevertheless we hope that there will be some material response on the part of the philatelic public in acknowledgment of Mr. Richards' desire to act a helpful part.

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Ralph Razzette, Balto., Md.,	2

This is the standing of our contestants Feb. 10. Charles Humphrey of Passaic, N. J., sends in no fewer than four subscribers in a single week, which gives him a place near the leader. Several other subscribers have sent in two each, while scores of single coupons have been received.

Prizes are offered to the two subscribers getting the largest number of new subscriptions before April 25, but dealers are debarred from this contest. The prizes offered are:—

First—"Postage Stamps of the United States of America," by N. E. Waterhouse. Published by Frank Godden, London, England.

Second—The new book on "Hawaii", by C. F. Richards.

Nothing less than six months' new subscriptions will be received in connection with the contest, and subscription coupons or the leaflet "The Charm of Stamp Collecting" may well be used. Coupons will be furnished free of charge, while the leaflets will be supplied at one-half of cost price, 50c per hundred.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

New—In mail just received from Panama, we find the eight cent, lilac and black, surcharged with a large "R" and "5 cts." in red. The eight cent is found only rarely on mail latterly and it is probable that the stock on hand has been surcharged for registration purposes. In the same mail, the small five centavos red, San Martin set, Argentine, is seen.

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Uncommon—Mr. W. T. Fenton, Conewango Valley, N. Y., writes as follows: "I notice that Mr. Thorn Smith wishes to discuss unsolicited approvals. My experience of over forty years collecting has been that the most valuable stamps (for the least money) that I ever bought came to me unsolicited. A man in my town sent me five two cent, black, Jackson and a three cent, green, 1870, all unused, for the exorbitant sum of twenty-five cents. An unused ninety cent, Navy, cost me ten cents and a three cent playing card, twenty-five cents. Once, two envelopes, each having a two cent, black, Jackson, with half of another to make up the three cent rate, were sent me for a dollar and a half. I welcome all approvals and it is no great tax on a man's pocketbook to pay return postage. I should advise Mr. Smith to send the approvals back; he probably would not get any more from the same source." Mr. Fenton's experiences certainly are unusual and are interesting as an exception to the rule. We have heard collectors of good judgment say they did not object to unsolicited sheets, but they did not pretend to defend the practice on a business basis. The collector objects to unsolicited approval sheets on the following counts: First,—the stamps which are sent with no understanding of the collector's needs are not likely to be of the kind wanted. Secondly,—the stamps may come at inopportune times, when there is danger of their being mislaid or stolen. Thirdly,—if postage for return is not enclosed, a stickler for principle objects to paying for postage on stamps that were not wanted in the first place; and consequently, serious misunderstandings may result. Fourthly,—the looseness of the methods of the sender is such that the business man becomes antagonistic to the idea. The unsolicited approval sheet must be a menace, else it would not have brought down the condemnation of stamp organizations and philatelic writers for the past twenty years or more. It carries possibilities of danger which the careful man recognizes and he is not willing to take on himself an added burden, when he would have everything pleasant in his stamp life.

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Deccased—We are indebted to Mr. H. E. Deats, Flemington, New Jersey, for the following biographical details of Levi A. Judkins, whose death has just been reported. Mr. Judkins died at Atlantic City last month, where he had been in charge of the weather station for a number of years past. We recollect that Mr. Judkins was in the signal service branch of the army, but later was transferred to the United States weather bureau, under the jurisdiction of the war department. Mr. Judkins, who had been a sufferer from rheumatism for many years, leaves a wife and a daughter. Originally, the home of Mr. Judkins was at Claremont, New Hampshire, as those who remember him as a member of the American Philatelic Society, recall. Mr. Judkins was one of the older collectors and while he has not been active in a collecting sense for some time past, yet he did his part well in helping to build a generation or more ago, a firm and ample base for philately.

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Olden—A copy of the North-American's Almanack for 1776 having come into our possession, we glean from it that "The Flying Machine, kept by John Merereau, at the New-Blazing Star Ferry, near New-York, sets off (during the Summer season) from Powles-Hook for Philadelphia, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. From the first of November to the first of May, it performs the journey only twice a week and sets out on Mondays and Thursdays. The waggons in Philadelphia set out from the house of Mr. Joseph Vandegrift the same morning. As the stages set off early in the morning from Powles-Hook, passengers would do well to cross the Ferry the evening before. The price for each passenger is 20 s. Proc. and goods as usual."

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Special—We have seen a censored envelope from Great Britain, which bore in addition to the usual penny red stamp, the current two shillings, six pence, or half a crown over which is inscribed, "Special Censor". It has been explained to us that if it is desired to expedite the handling of a letter in order that it make a certain boat, the payment of a half-crown extra, recorded by a stamp of that denomination, ensures special attention from the censor. Otherwise, if the letter was to await its turn in the ordinary course of treatment of mail, there would be a delay of days we assume. The envelope bears the marking, Late Fee, in large capitals. It happens that the half-crown stamp on the letter under notice, is not cancelled.

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Shrewd—Counterfeits of the Confederate ten cent blue, 1861, and rose, 1862, neatly "planted" on the envelopes are found occasionally and in this connection, the holder of one of these vain delusions, tells a story that should be passed along. He says: "I bought that cover twenty years ago (May, 1898) from a street faker who was at a G. A. R. reunion at my old home, Columbus, Indiana. He had something of a stock of the blue and the rose ten cent; and as I remember, all of the envelopes were addressed to members of the same family. Inside each envelope was a piece of Confederate currency." It is something to know that the sprightly street faker, whose wits are sharpened to a superlative degree, does not hesitate to invoke artfully the aid of philately in his peregrinations. We cannot conceive of a better setting than that furnished by a G. A. R. reunion on Decoration Day in a small town, for displaying the seductions of a rare Confederate stamp on the envelope ("a priceless and historic memorial of that great fratricidal struggle") enclosing a genuine Confederate bill, all for the price of thirty-five cents. There is a tradition that an actor, who starred as Legree in a humble Tom company, made a killing once in Chicago by filling up collectors there with Confederate locals on covers that he "had chanced to pick up in his southern tour,"—as if a mime would have a chance with Uncle Tom's Cabin in the south.

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Economy—A go-about reader writes: "I have just found the old-fashioned collector, who thus far, has successfully coped with the high cost of collecting. When I remonstrated with him for using gummed labels, etc., for hinges, saying that hinges cost fifteen cents a thousand, he said that he was saving this amount by not buying them. I am afraid that you are disappointed in the point of the story,—but wait, it has been concealed up to now. It is in Detroit, the city that welters in wealth, that this collector has his habitat!"

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CHAPTER X.—*Design.*

The revenues of the first issue are so well known that detailed descriptions of them are hardly necessary. Instead it may be briefly stated that the stamps of each denomination are of the same design and usually of the same color but differ from each other chiefly in the labels that express their titles. The stamps for Schedule "B" bear the names of the documents or classes of documents upon which they were intended to be used; those for Schedule "C" were labeled "Playing Cards" for the use indicated, or "Proprietary" for use on patent medicines, perfumery, photographs, and all other articles taxed under Schedule C. All have the value expressed in words and in numerals and on each stamp an abbreviation for "United States Internal Revenue" appears, sometimes as "U. S. Inter. Revenue" and again as "United States Inter. Revenue," but in no case is the word "Internal" given in full.

There are eleven groups of designs, the general design of each group being the same. The groups and the sizes of the stamps in millimeters are as follows:—

No. 1—One cent stamps,	19x23mm.
No. 2—Two cent stamps,	19x23mm.
No. 3—3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 15c, 20c,	19½x26mm.
No. 4—25c, 30c, 40c stamps,	20x48mm.
No. 5—50c, 60c, 70c stamps,	20x54½mm.
No. 6—$1.00 stamps,	23x48½mm.
No. 7—$1.30, $1.50, $1.60, $1.90,	23x48½mm.
No. 8—$2, $2.50, $3, $3.50,	29½x49½mm.
No. 9—$5 and $10 stamps,	23x61mm.
No. 10—$15, $20, $25, $50 stamps,	30x61mm.
No. 11—The $200 stamp,	64x35mm.

Groups number one to five have the small portrait of Washington, groups six, seven and nine have the medium portrait, and groups eight, ten and eleven have the large portrait. All the stamps are upright rectangles except the $200, which is a horizontal rectangle, slightly larger than the stamps of group number ten. The standard size for one cent and two cent private proprietaries was the same as for groups number one and two and the standard size for three cent and higher denominations of private proprietaries was the same as for group number three.

In many instances individual stamps differ in minor particulars from others of the same group or denomination, as in group number eight we find the $2 and $3 stamps have a numeral of value in each corner while the $2.50 and $3.50 stamps have a star in each upper corner with "U" and "S" in the lower corners. Sometimes stars or numerals of value are placed in the labels that contain the titles in order to fill out or "justify" as printers call it. "Lease" being a short word required justification in this manner on each of its values while longer titles such as Inland Exchange and Foreign Exchange were often abbreviated.

None of the dies for these stamps appear to have been engraved entire in the usual manner. Instead, the transfer rolls from which the plates were made seem to have been taken off from what may be termed secondary or complete dies, because the original or primary dies were incomplete. There is excellent ground for believing the secondary dies were made partly by tranfers from the primary dies and partly by direct engraving. In other words the secondary dies were built up to some extent as plates are usually made. In general the procedure was about like this:—Primary dies, each consisting of a portrait or a frame, were engraved. Then a number of transfers to secondary dies were made. For the one dollar stamps there would be eleven secondary dies made by taking eleven impressions from the $1 primary frame die and eleven impressions from the medium size primary portrait die—each secondary die having one impression of the frame and one impression of the portrait. The one dollar secondary dies were then complete except for the titles which were engraved separately and directly on each secondary die. On the $1 stamps the numerals were probably engraved on the primary frame dies while on the 3c to 20c values and on several of the higher values which are alike in design but of different denominations the numerals and words of value were engraved directly on the secondary dies.

CHAPTER XI.—*Primary and Secondary Dies.*

At least two good reasons for the use of primary and secondary dies rather than having the die for each title and denomination engraved entire are evident. Much greater security against counterfeiting was afforded by the exact duplication of such a large part of many of the stamps. Another reason is the rapidity and ease with which the engraving of about a hundred different stamps was accomplished. There appear to be only three portraits of Washington on the whole series and a dozen or less different frames. Surely it was easier and quicker to build up complete dies by transfers from head and frame primary dies and add the titles and some of the numerals than to engrave nearly a hundred complete dies. Additional evidence showing the existence of primary dies is found in proofs of heads without frames and frames without heads and there is no doubt much valuable time was saved by this seemingly roundabout procedure.

Where the numerals of value were engraved directly on the secondary dies they are apt to differ on different titles of the same denomination and even on the same stamp. On the 3c Playing Cards and 3c Proprietary the numerals terminate in solid colorless balls while on the 3c Foreign Exchange and 3c Telegraph the tops of the numerals are open. As the two latter stamps came under Schedule B and the other two came under Schedule C this difference may have been made intentionally for the purpose of distinguishing between the stamps of the two schedules. No such marked difference, however, is found on any of the other values.

On the 5c Foreign Exchange the numerals are noticeably different from those on the other 5c stamps, particularly with regard to their flags, which are more concave on top and more nearly triangular in shape. The 6c Proprietary die resembles the 5c and 10c Proprietary more closely than it does the 6c Inland Exchange and evidently was not made by changing the title on a transfer from the latter stamp. More likely it was built up as were the other stamps, or else was made by changing the numerals and label of value on a transfer from the 5c or 10c Proprietary. The numerals on the 6c Proprietary are taller and more open than those on the 6c Inland Exchange and on the Proprietary the numeral in the upper right corner slants considerably, whereas the axes of the three other numerals and of all those on the 6c Inland Exchange are approximately vertical.

On the 30c Foreign Exchange the upper figure "3" is larger at the bottom than at the top. The lower "3" and both corresponding numerals on the 30c Inland Exchange are evenly shaped. The colorless labels containing the titles and denominations on all the 25c stamps and on the 30c Foreign Exchange are bordered by a fine continuous line of color which is missing on the 30c and 40c Inland Exchange. The design of the 25c, 30c and 40c stamps closely resembles that of the 12c postage stamp of 1851-57. The revenues are about twice as tall, but the portrait, corner rosettes and lathe-work frames are excellent copies, if not actually identical, with similar parts of the postage stamp. Butler & Carpenter succeeded the engravers who produced the postage series of 1851-57 and it would not be at all surprising if they used some of the postage transfers in making the revenues. Several of the match and medicine stamps also are closely connected with this set of postage stamps.

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Edited by MILTON P. LYONS, JR.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address Milton P. Lyons, Jr., 1631 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels advises us of the following new envelopes:

Issue 1911.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
2c	A2	7	Amber	17	51
2c	A2	8	White	17	59

Issue 1915.

2c	A	3	White	19	92
2c	A	8	Amber	20	91

"A short time ago I saw a strip of four 12c Wine & Cordial stamps. They were the same color as the other values, rouletted, revenue paper, inscribed series of 1916, and were the size of the $2.00 value. This may be the first denomination of a new series that has been predicted."—FRED. L. KOEPF.

AUSTRIA.—Through courtesy of J. M. Bartels we have seen the new 25c value with three-quarter portrait of Franz Josef, printed in pale blue.

Adhesive.

1916, 25h pale blue.

BENADIR.—The *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* states that the following stamps have been surcharged with a new value:

Provisional Adhesives.

"Cent 5" on 50c on 5a orange.
"Cent 20" on 11 on 10a violet.

CANADA.—We have seen a new patriotic postmark used in Hamilton, reading "HELP THE HAMILTON PATRIOTIC FUND" in three lines, submitted by Henry E. Abt.

CANAL ZONE.—Messrs. Gerald D. Bliss, Emil J. Rall and J. M. Bartels have shown us copies of the new 12c, 15c and 24c values, chronicled in our last number.

Adhesives.
(Surcharged in blue.)

12c purple and black.
15c pale blue and black.
24c yellow brown and black.

CAYMAN IDS.—Through a printer's error in the Chronicle of February 3rd, the surcharged stock of War Stamps was given as "under 1200", whereas it should have been "under 200 pounds sterling".—HARRY E. HUBER.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Rev. L. Meister advises us that he has received the 10b, 15b, 20b, 30b, 40b and 50b all in brighter shades than the 1908 issue. He further states, "I received them through a friend in St. Thomas, who is in the post office, he writes, 'On the 7th inst. the expected Christian X stamps were put in circulation. There was, however, only a very small quantity sent out from Denmark, and these were divided up amongst St. Thomas and St. Croix; St. Thomas having only three sheets of each value to dispose of. The restrictions were that no one could purchase more than two sets. It got known in town that these stamps would be placed on sale on the 7th and the consequence was that on arrival at the office at 8 A. M., I found the place packed with purchasers. In two hours the whole business was sold out and there are many persons who could not get a single stamp'."

ERITREA.—G. D. Repetto has shown us the 15c (type A26) overprinted "Cent. 5", with crosses over the numerals. Overprint is in red-orange.

Adhesive.

5c on 15c slate, surch. in red-orange.

GREECE.—Robert V. Walton reports receipt of the Royalist stamps surcharged crown and cipher as chronicled in the WEEKLY of 27th ultimo.

HONG KONG. (*Offices in China.*)—We are in receipt of a letter from Theodore Siddall, of Shanghai and the postage is paid with 4c and 6c Hong Kong stamps surcharged with the word CHINA in bold san serif capital letters. The overprint is in black. Mr. Siddall writes:—"I think the surcharge is applied to stamps sold at the various British offices in the treaty ports of China. The stamps used in Hong Kong will no doubt be without surcharge, though I have no definite information at present. The entire set of Hong Kong including the 12c is on sale here surcharged, also 1, 2 and 4c post cards and 2c wrappers. The Hong Kong stamps without surcharge will be valid in China treaty ports for twelve months yet. There is no further news at present, but I expect soon to be able to send you the new Russian stamps surcharged with new value."

NICARAGUA.—"Replying to the question asked by S. Mittler in your issue of Jan. 20th under Nicaragua, I beg to state that I also have the following diagonal halves: Scott's Nos. 321, 323, 324, 336 and in addition to these a diagonal parallelogram consisting of parts of two stamps No. 322. These provisionals from Nicaragua are not as plentiful as those from Honduras. I have over twenty different diagonals from the latter country on original covers."—LOUIS VOSS.

PANAMA.—We have been favored by Emil J. Rall with specimens of the three new stamps already chronicled by us. We refer to the 5 on 8c registration, the 2½c A. R. and the "Un Centesimo" RETARDO on the ½c orange.

ARTMAN OF LOS ANGELES.

W. M. Artman, formerly of Los Angeles, but now of San Francisco, Cal., takes exceptions to our statement in the issue of Jan. 13 in which we declared that there are many outstanding stamp accounts registered against him. He wires:—"I admit I still owe $250 on old stamp accounts but am paying them as rapidly as possible." This will be pleasing news to interested parties.

Will all who have claims against Mr. Artman please give this office full details, and if anyone has been paid money by Mr. Artman during the past twelve months in connection with outstanding accounts, advise us the particulars.

OUR DEALER BOOSTING.

Edgewood Stamp Co., Milford, Conn.
W. P. Colman, Washington, D. C.
Royal Stamp Co., West Phila., Pa.
H. J. Schmidt, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Our contest moves on apace, with good work being done by many of our friends. The leaders continue their efforts, but a sure comer is found in Robert E. Jonckheere of Billerica, Mass., who now has nine to his credit and with another week will be promoted to a ranking with the four dealers who are classed above as royal boosters.

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We are in receipt of a clipping from a Greenfield, Mass., newspaper sent in by Mrs. G. V. Bowen and announcing the sad news of the death of William Nelson Washburn, son of the late governor and U. S. Senator William B. Washburn, a lifelong philatelist.

Mr. Washburn was one of the most prominent citizens of Greenfield and had served on bank and corporate boards and in all movements which tended for improved civic conditions. He had the acquaintanceship of many collectors, who knew him as one with a genial and kindly spirit, and his friendship was greatly prized by those who knew him. He was sixty-five years old, and leaves a widow and one daughter.

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BOSTON, February 12, 1917.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be called to order at 7.45 p. m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20th. The entertainment for the evening will be a talk by Mr. John W. Prevost upon the "Postage Stamps of France." We have all heard Mr. Prevost before and while he distinctly states that this is not a lecture in any sense of the word, we know that any talk by him is bound to be instructive and entertaining. A large attendance at the meeting will be complimentary to the newly elected President, Mr. A. P. Brown.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

January, 1917.

To the President and Members of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc.,
Gentlemen:

Another year has passed since your officers have made a formal report as required by the by-laws of the Society.

We have not quite held our own in the matter of membership, having lost 15 members and taken in 12, with one application to be voted on this evening. Two of those who are lost to us have passed away during the year, Mr. Walter I. Frost and Mr. George L. Toppan. Five of them were dropped from membership at the February meeting for non-payment of dues. The others resigned for various reasons.

There have been 11 regular meetings at which the average attendance of members has been 32 and a fraction. The smallest attendance has been 25 and the greatest 40.

The practice of dining informally has been kept up and has proved a decided addition to the pleasure of the meeting nights.

The council has held nine meetings at which the attendance has averaged 7. The President and the Secretary, together with Mr. Polk, have attended every meeting of that body. It has not only transacted all the routine business of the Society, but has also spent many hours during the year discussing ways and means for interesting the members, and has constituted itself a committee on entertainment for the past twelve months. As we look over the various exhibitions given, it would seem that every member must have found something to interest him.

I find in looking over my records that President Carpenter has called to order every regular meeting but one during the past two years and every meeting of the Council, and I know that no matter who may be elected in the future, you will never have as a presiding officer one who has a deeper interest in the Society's welfare than he has shown during his term of office.

The Secretary desires to express his thanks to Mr. J. O. Wright for his kind assistance during the year. On several occasions, at great inconvenience to himself, Mr. Wright has helped me out of difficulties in the printing of postals, notices, etc. No matter how short the time was, he has never failed to accommodate me and has thus shown in a very practical way his interest in the affairs of the Society.

In closing, I hope that you will all do your utmost to get new members into the Club during the coming year, and if you meet any of the members who have stopped coming to the meetings, stir them up. If they tell you they are not interested in the form of entertainment which we are having, find out what they would like to see and I can guarantee that your Council will arrange to get it for them.

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INDIANAPOLIS COLLECTOR'S CLUB ELECTION.

The election of candidates for the various offices of the Indianapolis Collector's Club for the year 1917 took place at the December 28th, 1916, meeting. Officers elected were—President, C. A. Ploch; Vice-President, C. L. Pond; Secretary-Treasurer, C. R. Sutton; Sales Manager, E. W. Schneider. Changes were made in the personnel of all offices except that of the Sales Manager; Mr. Schneider was re-elected. The Club has more than tripled its membership since its inauguration in September, 1915. The year 1916 ended with the Club having 38 members and 2 applications pending. President Ploch has appointed various committees to serve during 1917, the chairmen of these committees are as follows:—Printing, Julius Braun; Program, C. L. Pond; Entertainment, E. L. Edwards; Auditing, LeGrande Payne, and Publicity, C. V. Hollis.

The members hope to double the present membership by the end of the year. Only Indiana Philatelists are eligible to membership. Collectors or dealers are urged to advise Secretary Sutton, No. 4131 Cornelius Avenue, when they contemplate a visit to Indianapolis.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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ANNA.—The value in which many of the stamps of India, the native States of India, Zanzibar, British East Africa, Uganda, Somaliland, etc., are expressed. An anna is, usually, the sixteenth part of a rupee and is equal to 2c in United States currency.

ANNAM AND TONQUIN.—Two divisions of French Indo-China lying between China and Siam for which a provisional issue of overprinted stamps was made prior to the appearance of the general issue for Indo-China.

ANNAPOLIS.—The capital of the State of Maryland, situated on Chesapeake Bay, and having a present population of about 9,000. It is philatelically famous from the fact that about 1846 the then Postmaster issued a special 5c envelope to facilitate the prepayment of postage. How many were issued or how long they were in use is not known but the rarity of the envelope may be gauged from the fact that only one specimen exists.

ANOTACION. — (Registered). An inscription shown on certain 5c stamps used in the Republic of Colombia from 1870 until 1881 for the prepayment of the special fee for registration. A large capital "A" is shown on the same stamp.

ANOTADO.—An overprint found on some of the stamps of the 1868 issue of Mexico. The word means "noted" or "registered" and the stamps so overprinted were issued provisionally in 1872. The word does not mean that the stamps were intended for use on registered letters but that they were an obsolete issue temporarily brought into use again.

ANNOBON.—See Elobey, Annobon and Corisco.

ANTANANARIVO.—The capital of the island of Madagascar having a population of over 60,000. A local post, established by the British Vice-Consul and known as the "British Consular Mail", existed here from March, 1884, until 1887.

ANTIGUA.—A British Colony in the West Indies forming one of the Leeward Islands. It is the seat of government for this group and the residence of the Governor-in-Chief is situated at its capital—St. Johns. It has an area of 108 square miles and a population of about 35,000. It was first settled by the English in 1632 and was granted to Lord Willoughby by Charles II. It was at one time a naval and military station of some importance. Its first postage stamps were issued in August, 1862, and in October, 1890, they were superseded by the general issue for the Leeward Islands group. In 1903 special stamps were again issued and these are used concurrently with the ordinary Leeward Islands set.

ANTILLAS PACIFICO.—Two words found upon the map stamps of Panama indicating the Antilles archipelago and the Pacific ocean. The former is above the northern and the latter washes the southern shores of the Isthmus.

ANTIOQUIA.—One of the departments of the republic of Colombia having an area of 22,316 square miles and a population of 470,000. It is a mountainous region and mining is thus the staple industry. Since 1868 this department has had the privilege of issuing its own postage stamps.

ANTIQUE TYPE.—A variety of printer's type sometimes used in surcharging postage stamps in making provisionals. Examples of "lower case" letters may be found upon some of the stamps of Siam from the 1895 issue onwards while antique capitals are shown on some of the Canal Zone stamps. The letters in this type are, generally speaking, broad, with short serifs of the same thickness as the body of the letter.

A. O.—An overprint found upon certain South Australian stamps signifying "Audit Office." It was in use during the period 1868-74, after which date the general "O S" stamps were used in all the departments of this Colony.

AOHNAI.—(Athenai) This word is shown on all the stamps issued in Greece in 1896 and 1906 to commemorate the holding of the Olympic Games. The word is the Greek equivalent for Athens—the capital of the country and the scene of the contests.

A PAYER—TE BETALEN. — The only inscriptions shown upon the Postage Due stamps of Belgium in use since November 1st, 1895. They both mean "to pay", referring to the amount of deficient postage to be paid on the delivery of the letter, the former being the French and the latter the Flemish form.

A PERCEVOIR. — An inscription found upon the Postage due stamps of France and its colonies and the first set issued in Belgium. Translated literally it means "to be paid" or "to be collected" and refers, of course, to the sum to be collected on the delivery of insufficiently stamped letters.

APOTEOSIS DE MIRANDA.—(Apotheosis of Miranda). An inscription found upon a set of Venezuelan stamps issued in 1896 to commemorate the eightieth anniversary of the death of General Miranda—a Spanish-American revolutionist who succeeded in getting Venezuela proclaimed a republic.

APURIMAC.—A department of the republic of Peru having an area of 8,817 square miles. A provisional stamp formed by surcharging one of the 10c stamps of Arequipa with the words "Admon Pral.—Correos del Depto. de—Apurimac—Abancay" is alleged to have been issued here in 1885, and though this is still listed in some catalogues, the leading specialists in the stamps of Peru are inclined to consider it a bogus variety.

A. R.—I. These letters, standing for "Aviso de Recibo", are found upon some of the stamps of Colombia and other South American countries and mean, literally, "Advice of Receipt". These stamps are used in prepayment of a special fee of 5 centavos in return for which the sender of the postal packet receives an official notification that the said packet has been duly delivered and an acknowledgment of its delivery received from the addressee.

II. The letters "A. R." for "Accuser Recéption", meaning "Advice of Receipt", are shown upon the acknowledgment of receipt stamps of Montenegro.

ARABIC CHARACTERS.—I. The characters in which many of the inscriptions on the stamps of Egypt, Sudan, etc., are engraved.

II. A watermark of Arabic characters appears in the stamps issued in the Indian state of Hyderabad in 1905. This watermark is said to signify "Sarkar Asfia Sana 1322", the first three words meaning "Government of Asaf Jah"—the founder of the present ruling dynasty.

ARANGO, J. L.—A printer of Medellin, Colombia, who manufactured some of the later issues for the republic of Colombia and the department of Antioquia.

ARCHER, HENRY.—An Irishman who invented the perforation machine. In 1847, he brought to the notice of the Postmaster-General of Great Britian a machine "whereby the stamps might be separated without the necessity of using knives or scissors". This was a rouletting machine designed to pierce a series of cuts through the paper between the labels. The machine proved impracticable and Archer modified it somewhat. Trials were made with various sheets of stamps from this machine (as well as the former one), but the mechanism was still unsatisfactory. Some of the sheets used for these experiments were sent for sale to country post-offices and the stamps from these are known to specialists as having "Archer roulettes." The stamps rouletted by the first machine show jagged irregular cuts of various length, while those used in the trials with the second machine show straight, clean cuts placed at regular intervals.

Nothing daunted by these failures Archer persevered with his idea and in 1849 produced another machine, which was constructed on the principle of perforating the portions of paper between the stamps with a series of holes, which were punched clean out by hollow steel needles. After repeated experiments and alterations Archer triumphed over his many difficulties and perfected his invention and the machine was purchased by the Government. Stamps perforated by this machine in its experimental stage are known as having "Archer perforations", and to be absolutely identified as such they must be dated before Jan. 28th, 1854, for on this day the machine was first used by the Inland Revenue authorities for the perforation of the regular supplies of stamps.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

By W. WARD, Author of "Postage Stamps of the Levant," Etc.

As mentioned earlier, the advisability of ringing the changes on the inks of the stamps and obliterations, and also to further safe-guard against cleaning—shortly after the penny stamp had been printed in a reddish-brown—a chemically prepared ink was used—the secret of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., the printers. Apart from its partly fugitive qualities, it had a strange action on the paper—probably more pronounced by the dampness necessary during the printing—that coloured the paper blue. A variety is found called the "ivory head", showing the profile of the Queen's head at the back in white against a blue background—this would probably be due to the dryness of the paper during printing, and the wear of the plate. Both penny and two penny are greatly subject to *de*-oxidisation—but immersion in a little peroxide of hydrogen and water—half and half—will restore to their original colours. During their long existence—practically forty years—in perforate and imperforate states, it is remarkable how few varieties of shades and colours made their appearance—a contrast to these days of innumerable shades for short-lived issues. Now and again one comes across a really fine rich orange brown in the early imperforate stamps—probably the furthest shade away from the standard colours. The gum of the unused and often still remaining on the used, is the thick heavy yellow "cement" which remained in use until 1855, when it was displaced by a lighter colored adhesive containing a proportion of gelatine. Similar slips of the corner lettering exist, as in the penny blacks—and also a fairly common error of an inverted S. A variety with a sort of heavy frame exists—due probably to the "leaning" during the transfer from the die to the plate.

Check list:

January 1841.

1d orange brown non-fugitive ink, paper quite white or yellowish.
1d orange brn., fugitive color, blue paper.
1d deep orange brown, fugitive color, blue paper.
1d pale red brown, fugitive color, blue paper.
1d deep red brown, fugitive color, blue paper.
1d red brown, fugitive color, blue paper.

In March, 1841, the two penny value made its appearance with white lines below the word postage and over the words of value—very probably to prevent confusion in artificial light with the penny black—if the reader has ever compared stamps by the light of candles he will appreciate the difficulty that would be experienced in the days of tallow candles. In comparison with the catalogue values of other stamps of the period, this value seems very much under-rated in comparison to its scarcity—especially as is much less in evidence than the penny black.

Check List:

March, 1841.

2d deep full blue, with white lines.
2d violet blue, under "postage."
2d blue, and over value.
2d pale blue, and over value.

Long before any official step was taken to provide easier means of separation of the stamps, individuals had their varied methods of division. One of the most popular was to lay a flat ruler on the sheet and tear the stamps away upwards. Others used "rouletted" or marking wheels. The writer has handled several penny blacks undoubtedly separated by this process,—and which coming from the grave of an attorney's office were no doubt in the same state as the day they did postal duty. There is no doubt, however, that Henry Archer was the first to suggest before a committee of the House of Commons in 1852 the movement to provide a method of separation. Archer had five years previously, however, invented a machine for rouletting, and had permission from the Post Office to use it.

It was found that the knife edges wore quickly and was not altogether the success it first appeared. Archer then turned his attention to severance by a series of holes—evidently suggested by the tracing wheel. In this he met with success and patented his invention in 1850. Many stamps perforated 16 may be found postmarked from London so early as November, 1850, over three

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Check List:

Private Roulettes, Perforations.

1847-49. Rouletted 10, 12.
1d red brown.
1850-52. Perforated 16.
1d red brown.
2d blue.

Reference might be made to an essay of the penny red brown imperforate printed on the silk-thread, or Dickinson safety paper of the 10 pence and 1 shilling embossed stamps—but which was never an official issue.

The first stamps to be perforated were the Revenue Receipt stamps of 1853, but as these were not authorised for postage until 1881, they cannot be considered postage stamps before the latter date. The plates made from the original die by Charles Heath were only in use a year after the official introduction of perforation, and at the same time the scale of perforation was altered from 16 to 14. It was found that the unused stamps fell apart in stock by the smaller perforation in conjunction with the thick heavy gum of the period.

Check List:

1854. Perforated 16. Watermarked small crown.
1d red brown.
1d pale brown.
2d blue.
2d pale blue.
1855. Perforated 14. Watermarked small crown.
1d red brown.
2d blue.
1855. Watermarked large crown. Perforated 16.
2d blue.
Ditto Perforated 14.
2d blue.

In 1855, a new die was made for the penny value, and the 2 penny die was slightly altered. The engraver was William Humphrys of Perkins, Bacon & Co. The new die shows the nostril curved and the shading round the eye heavier—whereas in the Heath die the nostril was straight and the eye shading very light and delicate. A little study between a large crown perf. 14 and an imperforate penny red will speedily illustrate the difference. The two penny die was also slightly altered to make plate No. 6—inasmuch as the white lines are very much thinner than the preceding plates.

Check List:

1855-58. New dies. Watermarked small crown, Perforated 16.
1d red brown.
Ditto. Perforated 14.
1d red brown.
1d pale brown.
Watermarked large crown. Perforated 16.
1d red brown, white paper.
1d red brown, blued paper.
2d blue, white paper,
Ditto. Perforated 14.
1d orange.
1d red brown.
1d pale brown.
1d rose red.
1d deep rose red.
1d pale rosé red.
2d blue.

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The case involved the transfer of 1500 shares of American Chicle company from Mrs. Halladay to the defendant in order that he might use her stock to negotiate a loan from the Citizens' Savings & Trust company of Cleveland. He gave Mrs. Halladay a promissory note for $337,500 as security for the stock, the papers state. Later Mrs. Halladay got possession of the stamp collection which Commodore Worthington had pledged her to secure the note he had previously given her.

When Commodore Worthington made an assignment of his property to satisfy creditors, action was started by Mrs. Halladay to collect her note. The decision handed down by Justice Bissell now gives Mrs. Halladay the right to sell the big stamp collection at auction, upon notice to the defendant, to satisfy the judgment.—*Clipping.*

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ARGYROCASTROS.—A town in Albania sometimes known as Ergeri. It has a population of about 9,000 and is philatelically famous from the fact that a special set of stamps was issued here in 1914. These stamps are variously included in the issues of Albania or Epirus in the catalogues.

ARMENWET.—A surcharge found on certain of the stamps of the Netherlands of the 1899-1910 series. These stamps are used for the franking of matter relating to the administration of the Poor Laws.

ARMY FRANK.—These words appear on a label issued in 1898 which purported to be an official stamp for franking the correspondence of the Officers of the United States War Department. It is a fairly close copy of the 10c adhesive of 1869 and the legend "Official Business Only" together with the letters "U. S." gave it quite a bona-fide appearance. It soon transpired, however, that the label was not official, had not received the sanction of the Post Office Department, and had simply been issued as a private speculation.

ARMY OFFICIAL.—I. An overprint found on certain British stamps which were used on all official correspondence emanating from the various departments employed in the administration and control of the British army. They were first issued on September 1st, 1896, and, in common with all other British departmental stamps, they were withdrawn from use on May 12th. 1904.

II. An overprint applied to the 1 mill. stamps of the Sudan in January, 1905, for use on official correspondence relating to army matters.

ARMY SERVICE.—An overprint applied to all values of the set of Sudan stamps current in 1906-08 for use on official corespondence connected with the Army.

ARMY TELEGRAPHS.—A series of stamps used by the Telegraph department of the British army when on active service or during manoeuvres. They are formed by overprinting the words "Army Telegraphs" on the different values of the stamps known as the "unappropriated dies". The ½d postage stamp of 1887 and 1900 is found similarly overprinted.

ARTIGAS.—A surcharge, with new value and date, applied to some of the then current 7c stamps of Uruguay in 1911. They were issued in memory of General Artigas, who declared the Independence of the republic in 1813.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Corrected—A reader makes the following corrections in several of the definitions in the Philatelic Dictionary in the issue of February 10th: The Greek equivalent of Eastern Roumelia is Anatolike Romylia and the birth-place of Heinrich Von Angeli is Oedenburg instead of Osdenburg.

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Exclusive—We notice that there has been a rising market on quotations for names of stamp and coin dealers in the United States. The latest offer that we find in a price schedule of trade lists is: "123 stamp and coin dealers, $3.00." The compliment that is extended philately may be said to be found in the contrast afforded, for instance, by the offer of "129 pretzel bakers, $2.00". Thus, philately's refined and recherche influence is vindicated by the higher price; and it is shown that in select circles, pretzels are not to be compared with philately.

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Almanacs—Those who concern themselves with the early postal history of this country place no little dependence upon the postal statistics and miscellaneous information that is to be found in the early American almanacs. While isolated references to the post may be found in almanacs published previously to 1800, yet it was only in the earliest part of the preceding century that the advisability was recognized of maintaining a section each year for postal notices. For instance, in the Farmer's Almanac, Boston, for 1815, the postage rates are given: 40 miles, 8c; 90 miles, 10c; 150 miles, 12½c; 300 miles, 17c; 500 miles, 20c and for more than 500 miles, 25c. "No allowance is made for intermediate miles. Every double letter is to pay double the said rates; every triple letter, triple; every packet weighing one ounce, at the rate of four single letters for each ounce. Every ship letter received originally at an office for delivery, 6 cents. Magazines and pamphlets, not over 50 miles, 1 cent per sheet. Over 50 miles and not exceeding 100 do., 1½c. Over 100 do., 2c." At this time, the computation of foreign postage was a complicated question and there were many chances for misunderstanding in construing the rates on letters sent abroad.

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Ascension—A subscriber calls attention to an observation that was made in this column several weeks ago, as follows: "There practically are no British colonies that do not have their own stamps to-day and so the stamps of Great Britain would not be valid to frank letters in the manner indicated." Our mentor avers that he could not with the assistance of those more competent than himself find any "real colony" of Great Britain that did not have its special stamps. When our remark was made we had only one colony in mind, the somewhat famous "solitary isle" of Ascension. Several years ago, we saw a list of three or four possibilities in the category of British colonies without their distinctive stamps but the names of others than Ascension Isle have escaped us. Coincidentally, we notice in the advertising columns of a London contemporary, of the stamps of Great Britain on envelopes used at Ascension with censor mark. From an old Whitaker we quote: "Ascension is an isolated island in the south Atlantic, 3,417 miles from Plymouth, 690 from St. Helena and 900 from Cape Palmas on the African coast." The island remained uninhabited until the English took possession of it in 1815. There is a garrison settlement at Georgetown. The island is fortified and is important as a coaling station; it has an area of about 38 square miles and a population of fewer than a thousand souls.

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Questionable—Through an inadvertence, a reader who wrote us last May is just now given attention. He says: "Among several hundred revenue stamps two cents U. S. internal revenue, I found one grilled 8 by 15 mms., pen-canceled March 6th, 1869. I can find no reference to such a variety nor can I remember ever having heard of such a thing." We doubt whether the grill was ever used on revenue stamps that got into circulation during the days when all effort was being centered on the prevention of the use of "washed" stamps, postage and revenue. However, we have seen revenue stamps in odd lots that had the similitude of a "grill" and we accounted for their existence on the natural assumption that they had been overlapped in part by a check protector that was used by the firm that uttered the check. Some of the old check protectors were elaborate devices and bit with a fine mesh that approximated the grill "bosses," and we can see how these impressions could be mistaken for some sort of grill that was applied officially. Too, the old metal rules with their fine notched edges, used as paper-cutters in counting house fifty years ago and more have been responsible for "perforated" and "rouletted" stamps in the case of Confederate stamps, it is certain.

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Ethics—An esteemed reader calls attention to a phase of philately involving the moral equation that we do not remember having heard discussed before. He speaks of recent coils that in a sense have been repudiated as such by the authorities at Washington. Our correspondent in citing his case says that the "opinion of experts should be balanced with accurate records of the government." It is not to be gainsaid that the imperforate sheets as sold today may be manipulated to conform to the ideas of labor saving that large firms and corporations may institute. The question is of the standing of the stamps in coil, being perforated every second stamp, not by the government but by the purchaser on the score of facilitating business and with no thought of philatelic effect let us say. The problem is whether varieties such as these should be regarded as necessary for the collection, when the government asked for authentification of them says that they were not issued in that shape from Washington. It is our belief that the collector who wishes to be on the side of consistency should adhere to the stamps that are used in the particular form in which they come from Washington. A subdivision could be made for stamps whose Protean proclivities are exercised after they leave the vaults of the Bureau, even though their altered form had no philatelic inspiration. In this way, the buyer could know what to expect for his money.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—On Tuesday evening, Feb. 27, the Passaic, N. J., Stamp Club will celebrate its third anniversary at 87 Prospect St., Passaic. At this meeting Mr. Van Dyk MacBride will exhibit his specialized collection of U. S. 1869. Louis Mier will exhibit his reconstructed plates of British stamps which he made up some ten years ago and was fortunate enough to re-purchase at a recent auction sale. The occasion will be a rare stamp treat and collectors will be cordially welcome.

—We have been shown by Geo. N. Hargraft a new cancellation now being used with the Toronto post-mark. It reads in four lines: "$25.00 for $21.50—Buy War—Savings—Certificates." The Union Jack is a part of the cancellation. Mr. Hargraft states that the certificates referred to are issued in denominations of $25.00, $50.00 and $100.00 for the price of $21.50, $43.00 and $86.00 respectively, and are re-payable at par in three years thus yielding an interest return of a trifle under 5½%.

—A. C. LeDuc of Danvers, Mass., favors us with some postcards showing colored cancellations. One from South Hampton, N. H., is in blue and the day of the month is written in. A McGrawville, N. Y., is accompanied with the name of the postmaster, quite a common thing in the olden day when postmasters revelled in this bit of publicity.

—Edwin P. Seebohm, the San Francisco dealer has, as announced last week, removed to a large and convenient ground floor office at 656 Market St. It is opposite the Palace Hotel and part of a big steamship office handsomely appointed in every respect.

—In our Jan. 20 list of dates of issue of U. S. stamps the 6c single lined watermark was given as appearing in 1911, "exact date unknown." J. A. Bangs submits a copy of this stamp bearing in the cancellation the date Jan. 10, 1910, but the postoffice where used cannot be deciphered.

—Will H. W. Flansburgh please send his address to this office? We have a letter awaiting him.

—A new stamp paper to be called *The Philatelic Record* is scheduled to appear from Philadelphia, April 1. It will be a monthly and the publishers promise a fine magazine. The subscription price will be 50c per year.

—The latest stamp society is the Junior American Philatelic Society with H. R. Hendricks, president; J. G. Bassler, secretary and V. W. Rotnem, sales superintendent. It is the aim of the society to reach collectors between 12 and 24 years of age. For full particulars, apply to John G. Bassler, Madison, Wisconsin.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from W. T. Lathrop, H. P. Dunn, H. H. White, J. A. Goldsmith, J. A. Bangs, Lowell J. Ragatz, Elmer E. Smith, Harry E. Klotzbach, J. C. Alderson, J. Doemich, Roscoe B. Martin, C. M. Breder, G. E. Cole, Herman W. Boers and Henry B. Evans.

—At the annual meeting of the Galveston Philatelic Society on January 26, the following were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year.—T. E. Flick, president, A. Baroncini, vice president; O. H. Haardt, Jr., Sec.-Treas.; G. Marchi and L. Koester, Trustees. The date of meeting has been changed to the 3rd Thursday of each month. All out of town collectors are invited to attend.

—Alfred Nielsen, 272 Union St., Bklyn., N. Y., can get no reply to letters sent J. M. Shaw of Paterson, N. J. and there are others who are similarly situated. Interested parties will please communicate with Mr. Nielsen.

—An example of specialization of the dealer in cut square United States envelopes reaches us in the form of Nesbitt Issues-First Priced Check List of Cut Square United States Envelopes and Wrappers, 1855-1865, including All Types and Paper Varieties, a little work of fourteen pages and cover, issued by J. M. Bartels Co., New York City. We are pleased to find that the cut square envelopes are receiving deserved attention and that the lure of the entire envelope does not wholly detract attention from the cut square, beloved of not a few collectors. Further, the Nesbitt issues of the United States are of paramount interest in many respects.

—We should like to get a copy of the "World's Directory of Dealers and Papers," of which we have sold a large number. If some subscriber would like to exchange his copy for our booklets to the value of 20c we shall be glad to fill the order.

—Ross O'Shaughnessy is authority for the statement that the Irish label illustrated Dec. 16, 1916, as being of recent origin was made in Ireland several years ago "for a joke." Mr. O'Shaughnessy purchased copies of it when in Dublin in 1905. He adds further that the Sinn Fein stamps made during the trouble in Dublin last year appears never to have gotten out into the hands of collectors and the bulk of them was probably destroyed in the fire at the G. P. O.

—Charles W. Gustafson, 9 Linden St., Dorchester, Mass., renewing his subscription for two years, states that he has a file of the WEEKLY from 1897 to date that he will be very willing to give to someone who will pay express charges upon the same. Preference would be given to some philatelic society. Mr. Gustafson says that he parts with them "to make room."

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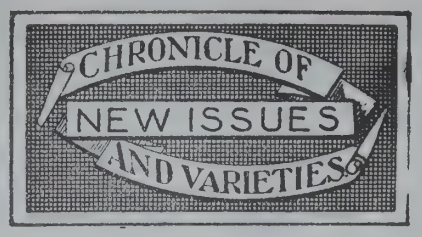
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UNITED STATES.—"In your editorial on page 52 of Feb. 10 issue, Mr. Sumner Gary quotes from Mr. Ralph's letter that 'it is expected within the next three months to commence perforations that will average 10¾ on the shorter dimensions by 13½ on the longer dimensions of the stamps'. This is nothing new as we have been informed several times that gradually the wheels will be changed to perforate 11, or in other words, the average horizontal rows on the stamp will show 10¾ perforations, while the longer vertical sides will have 13½ holes, but not that number on 20 millimeters. According to philatelic ideas, the gauge will be exactly 11 on all sides."—J. M. BARTELS.

We have been shown by A. A. Leve, a specimen of the 10c Special Delivery "Series 1902" in which the figure 2 appears to be inverted. The figure is not perfect in shape, but gives every indication of being an invert.

"I note that the $2.00 Wine & Cordials stamp on revenue paper did not get listed in the 1917 catalogue nor have I yet seen mention of it in the philatelic press. I bought a copy at the San Francisco Custom House on December 18th last."—FRANK L. APPLEGATE.

J. M. Bartels is the authority for the following envelope information:—"In their letter of Sept. 23rd, 1916, the Post Office Department notified us that there were four working dies of the 2c circular die. These dies were made to fit embossing machines with cylinders of different curvatures. Naturally, the rejected die, known as die C, is not included. This promises to be rare as only a small lot inadvertently escaped destruction. The fourth die now in use which will hereafter be designated as die E, has recently been discovered. It can easily be told from the other dies by the smaller head. A more accurate description is as follows:—

Head much smaller; U N not parallel; D S close; U almost as near small circle below it as die A and C not as wide open as the other dies."

New envelopes:—

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
2c	E	5	White	19	87
2c	A	14	White	20	93

H. C. Biggers has shown us a faulty impression of the current 2c envelope on white paper in which the I of UNITED is almost missing and appears as a comma. The A and G of POSTAGE are also partly obliterated.

ARABIA.—Through courtesy of Eugene Klein, we have seen the initial issue of this newly created country. The stamps are ¼pi, ½pi, 1pi (as chronicled on Dec. 2nd) in green, red and blue, respectively. They are finely typographed on white wove paper, rouletted 20, with inscription entirely in Arabic.

1917 Adhesives.

¼ pi green.
½ pi red.
1 pi blue.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—"WAR TAX postage—1st local provisional. We have received official advice that the quantity of the 1 cent violet network issue with overprint "WAR" was 117,000 copies only."—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

CAMEROONS.—*The Echo* of Amiens chronicles the 10c value of the "Corps Expeditionnaire" series, with the "s" of the first word inverted. The variety probably exists on all the other denominations.—*Stamp Collecting.*

EAST AFRICA.—(*Belgian Occupation.*)—*Le Bulletin Mensuel de Theodore Champion* states the quantities of the first printing of the Belgian Congo stamps overprinted for late German East Africa are as follows:—

5c	25,000	40c	20,000
10c	25,000	50c	10,000
15c	25,000	1fr	10,000
25c	25,000	5fcs	5,000

It is believed a second printing has since taken place. From other sources we learn that 15,000 series have been hand stamped with the overprint "RUANDA".—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

FRANCE.—From *Theodore Champion's Bulletin*, we learn that a special series of stamps is to be issued, selling at a premium, the profit obtained to be devoted to the benefit of the orphans of this war. We note from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that the designs and values of the above mentioned stamps will be as follows:—

2c+ 3c Widow.
5c+ 5c Widow.
15c+10c A Plough (work).
25c+15c A Plough
35c+25c Flag.
50c+50c The Belfort Lion.
1 fr+1 fr Group of the Marseillaise.
5 fr+5 fr Group of the Marseillaise.

NO. BORNEO.—The recent issue of three provisional stamps in British North Borneo is attributed to the loss of a consignment of stamps in the torpedoed ss. "Persia". Late in 1915, the Protectorate was running short of the three stamp denominations chiefly used for the Universal Postal Union rates, which in Borneo are the 2c, 4c and 10c. A supply ordered from London should have reached Sandakan before the stocks in hand there were exhausted, but this supply went down with the "Persia" in the Mediterranean. So when all the 2c, 4c and 10c stamps had been used up, the local postal authorities had to convert surplus stocks of the 3c, 6c and 12c of the 1909 issue into 2c, 4c and 10c stamps respectively, by surcharging them. This is not the only issue of provisional stamps necessitated by the submarine warfare: some months ago a consignment of stamps for Italian Somaliland was sunk in the Mediterranean on the ss. "Giava", and the Colony had to convert a quantity of 50 centesimi into 5 centesimi stamps, and 1 lira values into 20 centesimi stamps.—*London Telegraph.*

PAPUA.—Papua is to have an entirely new series printed in two colours. We have already received the 1d. It is said that the new series will have two additional new values, a 3d and 5d.—*Griebert's Notes and Offers.*

RUSSIA.—Ewald Eichenthal, of Petrograd, informs us that four new provisional Russian stamps have been issued, consisting of the current 10Kop, surcharged 7Kop, 20Kop, surcharged 14Kop, also the two stamps of the Romanoff series 10 and 20Kop, with similar surcharges. The stamps of Russian China will soon be issued with a surcharge in dollar and cents.—*Griebert's Notes and Offers.*

VICTORIA.—James Whiteside has shown us a cover with a 6p revenue stamp thereon, same being unlisted in Scott's. It is cancelled "Yangery, SE 8, '84. Victoria" sent to Phila. via San Francisco. There is no due charge on same.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

(Continued from page 67.)

used by the British army in the Orange River Colony during the Boer War.

AT BETALE.—(To pay). The inscription appearing below the numerals of value on the postage due stamps of Norway.

ATHENS.—I. A city of the State of Georgia having a population of more than 10,000. In 1861 Mr. T. Crawford, the then Postmaster, issued special 5c stamps to facilitate the prepayment of postage prior to the introduction of the general issue of the Confederate States.

II. The most distingushed city of ancient Greece and the capital of the modern Greek kingdom. The name of the city is shown upon the Grecian stamps issued in 1896 and 1906 to celebrate the holding of the Olympian games there.

ATHENS PRINTS.—The name applied by philatelists to the 1861-99 stamps of Greece printed in Athens to distinguish them from the printings made in Paris and Belgium by the manufacturers of the plates.

ATHOS.—See Mount Athos.

ATJEH.—A residency of the Dutch East Indies embracing the northern portion of Sumatra. It is sometimes known as Aitchin and has an area of 20,550 square miles with a population well in excess of 500,000. In 1882 a curious looking label purporting to have been issued for use here was chronicled in the philatelic press. It consisted of a ground of small lozenges on which "Atjeh", "1 Real 1", and a formidable looking scimitar were shown but an investigation of its status proved it to be entirely bogus.

ATLANTA.—An important city in Fulton county, Georgia, having a population of more than 90,000. Special 5c envelopes were issued by the then Postmaster of the city in 1861 to facilitate postal matters. They were in use but a short while when the issue of the Confederate States stamps made them no longer necessary.

ATT.—The value in which most of the stamps of Siam are expressed from their introduction in 1883 until 1909 when the currency of the country was changed. An att was the sixty-fourth part of a tical and had a value of about a third of a cent in United States money.

ANGE-DELILE, M.—A printer of Bordeaux, France, who lithographed the stamps issued in that town between November 1870 and March 1871.

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We have been hearing a great deal lately of various commemorative stamps of the past, especially the series issued to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the birth of St. Antony of Padua. It may, or may not, be remembered that seven-eighths of the entire supply of these stamps remained unsold after the one day on which they had been appointed for use, and these, representing a facial value of something like 400,000,000 reis, had to be destroyed. While on this subject, it might be of some service to translate, for the benefit of the younger collector, the invocation from St. Bonaventure which is printed in Latin on the back of each stamp:—

O lingua benedicta quae Dominum semper benedixisti et alios benedicere docuisti: nunc perspicue cernitur quanti meriti fueris apud Deum. S. Bonventura. ("Oh blessed tongue which has always blessed the Lord and taught others to bless Him; now more than ever an evidence how great is your merit with God.")

St. Antony and Philomena—Apropos of the foregoing, we find an apt reference to St. Antony and a good old Italian peasant nurse, one Filomena, in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, April 10, 1895. The writer of the time, waxing reminiscent, speaks of a little shoreside *palazzino*, somewhere between a farm, a barn, and a doll's castle, close to Castellamare and Sorrento, on the Bay of Naples. There, whenever the children lost anything, Filomena was wont to counsel the offer of a little prayer to good San Antonio, who would assuredly find the cherished belonging.

"Then, in later days," proceeds the writer, "on the Galway coast, we heard a good fish-wife tell her boy, who was howling with the pain of loss, to cease from sorrow and say a few words to 'good Saint Antony.' Biddy was in earnest, too. But what has this to do with Philately? Far be it from the present writer's mind to make fun of any of the dear, simple beliefs which those of old cherished so lovingly. But we venture quietly to suggest that poor, much-abused Portugal, if she must celebrate a Saint at all, could hardly have picked one more appropriate for philatelic needs and worries. For do we not sometimes mislay that Russian local, or find that new bright yellow 1 franc Monaco has unaccountably slipped under the dining-room table? Well, *if* Filomena and Biddy are right . . . . . we will say no more."—*Stamp Collecting.*

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1c 1851 TYPES.

Last week we illustrated the four types of the 1c 1851, but type IV did not show up in a satisfactory manner. For purposes of comparison we deem it best to run these illustrations again so that the beginner may get a good idea of how type IV differs from the other three.

These types differ in the ornaments and lines of the labels at the top and bottom of the stamps. Type I shows the ornaments and lines complete, as they appear on the die and on the first impressions made from the plates. In Type I, the scrolls below the outer line of the lower label are shown complete, with the ends turned up, forming little balls. The outer line of the label is continuous.



TYPE I.

In Type II, the ends of these scrolls are missing, or appear to be broken and worn, giving the scrolls an incomplete appearance, since they do not turn under. This variety is caused by the cutting away of the ornaments on the transfer roll.



TYPE II.

In Type III, the ornaments are broken as in Type II, while the outer lines of the label are cut away in the center, giving the effect of a "broken circle".



TYPE III.

Type IV also shows the broken ornaments of Type II, but the outer line of the circle has been re-cut. In the original type (II) the line is quite light, in uniformity to the other lines of the ornaments, while in Type IV the re-cut line is much heavier, and in most cases the re-cutting ends abruptly where the lines join, giving an uneven appearance. Types II and IV are very often confused, but the heavy line of the re-cut type can be readily distinguished after a little practice.



TYPE IV.

UNITED STATES TO BACK AIR RACE.

Big news has come to the Aero Club of America in the form of a letter from Second Assistant Postmaster General Otto Praeger, carrying assurances that the Aero Club's plan for the establishment of aerial mail delivery routes throughout the country will have the full co-operation of the Federal authorities. It also said that the Government is highly interested and will also co-operate in the $100,000 transcontinental airplane race for the Ralph Pulitzer trophy, suggested by *The World* and sponsored and developed by the Aero Club of America, as the greatest long distance airplane feat yet planned.

The race will be from New York to San Francisco, with landing stages at principal cities. The most popular idea yet presented is to have most of the route along the Lincoln Highway that runs from coast to coast.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, JANUARY, 1917.

There has been added to the library during the past year:

Books and pamphlets received and bound,	35
Priced auction catalogs donated,	1
Odd numbers of magazines to fill out volumes, donated,	145
Number of current magazines received from publishers by donation,	97
Same but by subscription,	36
Subscriptions to magazines donated,	64
Total number of pieces received by the Committee during the year,	378

The members of the Library Committee have this year spent considerable time cataloging and arranging the books and desire to thank a number of the members who have given several evenings to helping them with this task. The work of cataloging the books has been completed and they have all been rearranged and labelled, so that any volume may be found on a moment's notice.

The Library has been used to a very satisfactory extent by many of the members for serious study and in the future will probably prove even more useful.

Again we find we shall not have to call upon the Society for an appropriation for the coming year. It used to be the regular custom of the Society to make such an appropriation, but on account of donations by members and sale of duplicate books the Committee has been able to carry on the work for several years without drawing upon the treasury, and has placed itself on a very satisfactory financial basis.

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U. S. 1879 ISSUE ON HARD PAPER.

By H. L. WILEY.

(The borderland between the latest Continental and earliest American printings is full of somewhat vague visions, but some of them stand forth in all distinctness. The revolutionary theory that soft paper was used by the Continental Company has been proved by the imprints, and now Mr. Wiley cites his point that hard paper was used by the American Bank Note Company by showing an imprint to that effect. There is no mistaking this visual evidence. While not the first to bring forth the American print on hard paper, yet Mr. Wiley qualifies as an original discoverer to all intents and purposes.—EDITOR.)

A few of the stamps printed by the American Bank Note Company after it assumed the contracts of the Continental Bank Note Company in 1879, were printed on hard paper. Philatelists have been supplied with a fairly complete history of the comparatively recent productions of the National-Continental-American companies. It is known that some of the latest printings made by the Continental company were on soft paper and that the American company used the plates of both of its immediate predecessors, but to the writer's knowledge no mention has been made of the fact that some of the first stamps printed by the American Bank Note Company were printed on hard paper.

To quote the available references before going further, will give the reader a broader view of the subject.

Tiffany, on pages 179 and 180 of his "History of United States Postage Stamps" says:

"Before the second contract with the Continental Bank Note Company expired, it was consolidated with the American Bank Note Company under the name of the American Bank Note Company and new plates began to appear with the imprint of this company in large colored block capitals shaded by a colored line parallel to the letters and an outside row of lighter horizontal lines.

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"The gum has a white shade and the colors are the same as used by that company.

"The 1c of the dull indigo blue

"The 2c has a misty look.

"The 3c inclines to a blue-green.

"The 5c has heavier lines and is a darker blue.

"The 10c returns to the light appearance of the original of 1870, but is of the yellow brown shade."

The foregoing has something of the "misty look" attributed to Mr. Tiffany's 2c stamp, and it is refreshing to turn to the lucid quotations from Mr. Luff's "The Postage Stamps of the United States". In part, speaking of the issues under consideration, Mr. Luff says:

"After February 4, 1879, when the Continental Bank Note Company was consolidated with The American Bank Note Company, the latter assumed and completed the contracts held by the former company. *Doubtless many of the stamps distributed in the last two quarters of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, were the product of the American Bank Note Company.* . . . . .

In another section of his work, he says:

"On February 4, 1879, the Continental Bank Note Company was consolidated with the American Bank Note Company under the name of the latter. The contracts of the former company were assumed by the new organization. Subsequent contracts were also secured by the American Bank Note Company, who continued to supply the stamps required by the Post Office Department until January 1, 1894.

"As has been previously stated, the Continental Bank Note Company began, about the end of 1878 or the beginning of 1879, to use a soft, porous paper for their stamps. (The italics are mine.—H. L. W.) The American Bank Note Company continued the use of paper of this quality as it was found to give the best results, especially when steam presses were employed. . . . . The new company used many of the plates of its predecessors, also the plates of the Na-

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tional Bank Note Company for the 30 and 90 cent, and probably for some of the 10 cent stamps."

Then follows a reference list of the 1879 issue:

"Soft, porous, white wove paper, perforated 12", the 3 cent stamp being listed in the following colors: "Pale bright green, dull green, gray green, dark green, myrtle green."

Relative to the plates of this period, Mr. Luff says, in part:

"Except when otherwise stated, these stamps were printed from the plates of the Continental Bank Note Company, or from plates made from the dies of that company. The following plates of the Continental Bank Note Company are known to have been used by the American Bank Note Company."

I omit the list because we are concerned, at the moment, with but one value of the series, namely the 3 cent stamp for which Mr. Luff designates Continental plates No. 292, No. 309 and No. 310 as having been used by the American Bank Note Company.

One further quotation and I will attempt to inject a thread of original matter before the uproar of protest drowns the clicking of these keys. For variety, we will this time quote from Mr. Luff's book:

"In the course of time, as they were required, new plates were made. They bore the imprint 'American Bank Note Company' in heavy faced, shaded capitals without frame or other surroundings."

The philatelist is familiar with this imprint which is on the plates of the Columbian issue, that of 1890, etc.

A reference to Scott's catalog will show that none of the regular issue of 1879 are listed on hard paper. A delving into the archives of memory will enable the philatelist to recall the fact that he has never heard of the first issue of the American Bank Note Company's having been on hard paper. Shooting from the hip, the "experts" would tell you that there never was a "hard-paper American" belonging to any of the regular issues. We shall see.

In "The U. S. 3c Green" page 13, I asked the world to witness that W. L. Stevenson had sent me a puzzle of a stamp printed on a *"hard"* paper which, for lack of a better title, I called the "Two-One" paper. This stamp was such a distinct type that I was clumsy enough to stumble over two or three specimens in the course of my studies of the 3c green. It is decidedly scarce, but when one is discovered, it needs no advertising. And because it stands out so distinctly, rather than because of any aptness on my part, I have accumulated about fifty specimens out of about fifty thousand of these 3c stamps which have been inspected. The stamp is so consistently uniform in its adherence to type, particularly in the detail of its color, that I was surprised to find that the cancellations on my copies indicated that it had been used at a time when almost all of the United States post offices, should have been using *soft paper stamps* printed by the American Bank Note Company. The common cancellation consisting of an oval of nine horizontal bars with a circular center in which the station number or letter is printed, was not common in 1879. The earliest *dated* cancellation of this type in my collection is dated at New York, November 11, 1878.

Five copies of my "2-1" stamps carried this "circle-nine-bar" cancellation, so I said "These here varmints happened *after* the first of these cancellations were used, perhaps, and that puts them pretty close to the time the Continental merged into the American." But "history" teaches us that the papers used during the last few months of life by the Continental company were, in part, "soft" papers, and that *all* of the American papers were "soft". I became interested. Then I found three dated copies. One is dated "Penn Yan, New York, May 11, 1880" with the regular stamp used by that office, another is dated "? ? ? ? ? 1880" in a common stamped type, and another, in script, pen cancellation, "-'80". I became more interested. Here was a scarce stamp and all definable copies were hitting around the winter of 1880, which was a hard winter as you will remember. Recall that the American Bank Note Company took hold of this momentous business a year before these cancellations were thumped on our classic "2-1", hard paper, discouraged green stamps.

Then the lot was cast into the laboratory and I measured paper thickness and dimensions of design on all copies. The thickness of the paper varies between .0025" and .0029", consistently, with three "outlaws" running up another ten-thousandth and hitting .0030" and one puny specimen wasting away to .0024". The average thickness of the lot of fifty specimens was .0027", which is about the result obtained with the two copies mentioned in my paragraph on this stamp in "The U. S. 3c Green".

The dimensions of the design of the stamps varied from .77" x .94" to .78" x .98". In other words the width was uniform to within one one-hundredth of an inch, while the length varied as much as four one hundredths of an inch. But the striking fact which these measurements revealed was that these stamps were appreciably *shorter*, two or three hundredths of an inch shorter, than the average 3c green. And when I compared one of the specimens that measured .94" in length with one of the long, vertically ribbed 3c Continental of 1873 that measured a full 1.00" in length, it looked like Uncle Sam had been cheated out of about 6% of the area he should have had in his common 3c stamp. This difference of .06" is greater than it "sounds". At any rate, our stamps of the "2-1" title were distinguished by shade, paper surface, and length of design, and were distinct from their fellows by reason of their consistent variation from accepted standards. The average length of the "2-1" stamps is .96"; the average length of the "common" 3c Green, except the vertically ribbed stamps, is about .98" to .99".

And so I decided that these must be something that the Continental company released just before their transition into the American company, and yet the evidence of the "soft paper" that marked the final printings of the Continental outfit stood between reason and instinct,— and so I dismissed the question, after cursing it to the best of my limited ability, and let it lay in the bottom of a trunk, wrapped up with paper, tied with string and resting between "the Message to Garcia" and a pair of moosehide moccasins.

And then I found another copy of the "2-1" stamplet, and it cleared up the question because with its little old design, true to form and .95" in its shortness, ribbed with its startling, characteristic ribbing, shivering with the ague of its sickly bluish-green complexion, snapping with its .0027" thinness of its hard, white paper, with this array of evidence, fair on the margin it bore part of the imprint of the "AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY".

And so instead of saying that "all of the 1879 issue of United States postage stamps printed by the American Bank Note Company were on soft paper", we can say that "beside the common printing by the American Bank Note Company of the soft paper stamps, that company also printed a *few* of the 3c green, (Scott's No. 184) of the Issue of 1879 on a hard, white paper."

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 71.)

AUGUSTA.—A city in Richmond county, Georgia, having a present population of over 40,000. A provisional 5c envelope is believed to have been issued here in 1861 by the Postmaster prior to the arrival of the regular stamps for the use of the Confederate States.

AUR.—The value in which most of the stamps of Iceland are expressed. A hundred aur are equal to a krona, which has a value of about 28c in United States money.

AUCKLAND EXHIBITION.—A surcharge applied to four of the then current stamps of New Zealand in 1913 to mark the Exposition held at Auckland. These stamps were only available for postage in New Zealand itself and to the neighbouring Commonwealth of Australia.

AUSTRALIA.—The only inscription, apart from "postage" and the value, shown upon the stamps of the Australian Commonwealth.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The title given to the federation of the Australian colonies—New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia—an event which dates from January 1st, 1901. The legislature consists of the Crown (represented by the Governor-General); a Senate of thirty-six members, six being elected by each of the States; and a House of Representatives consisting of seventy-five members, the number of these sent by each State being proportional to the population with a minimum of five. The first special stamps for the Commonwealth were issued in 1913.

AUSTRIA.—One of the two empires forming the Austro-Hungarian monarchy ruled over by the aged Emperor Francis Joseph I. It has a total area of 115,903 square miles and extends from Prussia and Saxony on the north to Italy on the south, and from Switzerland on the west to Hungary in the east. It has a population of over 26,000,000 and probably few other countries can present such a complexity of races, tongues and creeds. The population comprises Germans, Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Ruthenians, Slovenes, Serbs, Croats, Roumanians, Jews, Magyars, Italians, Albanians, Armenians and Gypsies. Its first postage stamps were issued on June 1st, 1850.

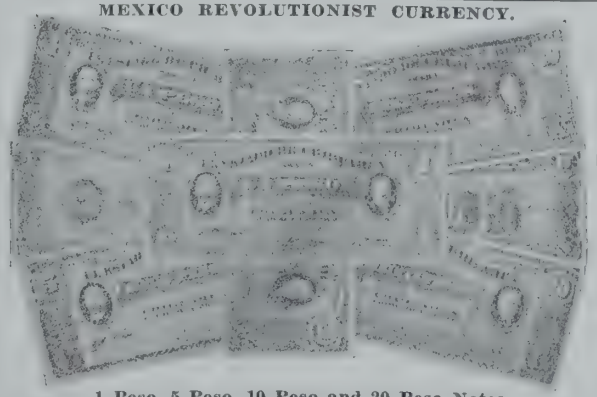
AUSTRIAN CRETE.—The Government of the Austrian empire maintains postoffices in the island of Crete and in 1903 the stamps supplied to these offices were surcharged "centimes" or "franc". In 1908 stamps similar to those of Austria were issued but with the values expressed in centimes and francs instead of heller and kronen.

AUSTRIAN ITALY.—When postage stamps were first introduced into Austria in 1850 a separate series was issued for the Lombardo-Venetian States—known as Austria Italy—which have since been detached from the Austrian Empire and now form part of the Kingdom of Italy. The designs were the same for both Austria and Austrian Italy but while the values on the stamps of the former were denoted in kreuzer, those of the latter were expressed in centesimi, contracted to "Centes." In 1861 the currency was changed to soldi, and in 1867 the ordinary stamps of Italy were used in these States.

AUSTRIAN LEVANT.—For many years Austria, like France, Great Britain, Germany, etc., has maintained post offices at the chief towns in the Levant. Special stamps for use in these offices were issued on June 1st, 1867, these being like the contemporary stamps for Austria itself but with values in "soldi." In 1886 Austrian stamps with values in Turkish currency surcharged across the base were used while since July 1908 stamps similar to those now in use in Austria have been issued but with values in "para" and "piaster".

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We are after that 10,000.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Ready.—We are now ready to furnish definite information concerning the new set of revenue stamps for the payment of the tax on wine. While these stamps are to be used for rating the tax on cordials as well as on wines, the word, Cordials, does not appear on them as it did on the stamps of the issue just retired. On March 1st, 1917, the new set of wine stamps comprising twenty-eight different denominations will be on sale. The values range from one cent to one hundred dollars and all of the stamps are of the size of the two dollar wines and cordials of the set now disused, except that instead of oblong, the stamps have the shape of an upright rectangle. The stamps come in sheets of fifty, arranged in five rows of ten stamps horizontally and are rouletted. At the top is "United States Internal Revenue" in two entabletured lines, under which is "Wines" on a slightly curved base; and in the center surrounded by geometrical lathe work is "1c" (for instance) with "Series of 1916" below; and underneath this, in large lettering, One Cent. The color is green as in the set recently in use. The denominations, $20 to $100 come in books. We have not seen these particular stamps but we have been told that there are twenty stamps of the $20 value in each book, ten of the $40; eight of the $50 and four of the $100 in each book. The other denominations are as follows: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7½, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 24, 30, 36, 50, 60, 72, 80c, $1.20, $1.44, $1.60, $2.00, $4.00, $4.80 and $9.60.

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The set is one of somewhat striking appearance because of its number and size of the stamps and we doubt not but that it will attract no little attention from collectors. In this connection we may say that the two dollars wines and cordials stamp is shown by Mr. Roscoe L. Wickes on the U. S. I. R. watermarked paper. Heretofore, all the printings of this stamp seem to have been on the postage paper and it would appear that the stamps on revenue paper would be restricted in number because of the change in the designs.

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Embassy—A reader shows us an envelope that bears two of the ten pfennig red, current issue of Germany, that came from an attache of the Embassy of the U. S. of A., Berlin. On the face of the envelope is the impression by rubber stamp: "Washington, D. C., P. O. This article was originally mailed in country indicated by postage." The postmark is that of Washington, early in February, 1917.

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Heaton—Several weeks ago, the New York *Sun* devoted nearly two columns in its book review to a notice of "The Life and Letters of Sir John Henniker Heaton, Bt.," in the course of which a tribute of glowing kind is paid Sir John, who as the Father of Imperial Penny Postage, is called a benefactor, in fact whose achievements were more epochal than many others of more spectacular kind. The reviewer says that the title of Father of Imperial Penny Postage may cause some confusion through the adjective "Imperial" implies that Sir John carried along the work of Sir Rowland Hill, the Father of Penny Postage, as a modern champion of cheap postage. We shall not try to give in any detail the particulars of the interesting and energetic life of Sir John Henniker Heaton, who many of the older collectors remembered as having evinced a great regard for philately on occasion. We find this reference to a gift that Henniker Heaton received at Sydney in 1912, when the governor-general of Australia "on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth, presented him with a gold and silver inkstand, mounted on Australian black wood, the lid inlaid with penny stamps of Canada, New Zealand, India, New South Wales and Africa." We coincide with the opinion of the reviewer, we feel almost able to say, that the biography is a most interesting work that enriches latter-day literature.

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Postmarks—The Canadian postal authorities are using the postmark as a medium for reaching the eyes of the people. However, it is the cancellation rather than the postmark that is the vehicle for announcements such as: "Help to Win the War. Buy War Savings Certificates" and "$25 for $21. War Certificate."

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Floored—Sid Mercer, who presides over the destinies of the sporting page in the New York *Globe*, has been properly rebuked by one of the valiant philatelic knights in the columns of the Hartford *Globe*. Sid admits that he, the defendant, is guilty as charged and even though our space is at premium at this joyous season, we cannot forbear to chronicle at some length, the tale of the vanquishment of Sid Mercer. Sid attempts no palliation of his offensive simile, but wanly, he reflects that there is some reflected glory in being "the only sporting writer that ever lost a decision to a philatelist". We copy this moving tale from Sid Mercer's department, "All in a Day's Work":

"A retort from an unexpected quarter flies right out of the files of the Hartford *Globe* of Jan. 7, and hits us a belt in the solar plexus. There is nothing to do but plead guilty and beg the mercy of the court. Under the heading: 'With the Stamp Fiends', we find the following deserved rebuke:

Postage stamp collectors in the United States number several hundred thousand, and among those who do not collect is Sid Mercer, who writes sports interestingly for one of the New York evening newspapers. This journalist was assigned to gather the news emanating from the National Baseball League's meeting in his home city last month, and in chronicling the magnates' activities, he made the allusion that one of the club owners was going to leave town "before somebody trades him a cancelled postage stamp" for one of his star players.

Mr. Mercer intended to convey the idea that a cancelled postal stamp is valueless and thereby did he reveal an ignorance inexcusable to the philatelist. Does not Mr. Mercer know that the one-penny orange and two-penny blue, which Mauritius issued in 1847, could not be purchased for $10,000, which was the price their owner, a New York art dealer, some time ago refused for his copies, the only ones in existence so far as is known? And in 1846, the postmaster of the village of Boscawen, N. H., issued a five cent, dull blue stamp, only one copy of which is known today to exist and for which many philatelists would be glad to pay as high as $15,000. Similarly, there is only one known copy of British Guiana's one-cent red of 1856, now owned by a noted Paris collector and estimated to be worth $25,000.

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The manager who declared all the other managers were willing to trade him cancelled postage stamps for his players, was Miller Huggins of the St. Louis Cardinals. We merely quoted him. It may be true that there is a cancelled stamp that cannot be purchased for $10,000. We don't dispute it. Neither can the release of any of the players Huggins wants to sell, be purchased for $10,000, for nobody will offer it. A valuable cancelled postage stamp is a relic; so are most of the St. Louis athletes on the market.

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Possible—From Mr. Wm. Beukma, Denver, Colorado, we have received an explanation that might account for a peculiarity that did not escape the attention of all our readers. Mr. Beukma says: "Noting a statement made by Mr. Sumner Gary quoted by you in your editorial column of February 10th, I determined to write to you. This statement is to the effect that the government is to issue stamps perforated 10¾ by 13½. Mr. Gary supposes that these figures refer to the gauge, but I have understood that when Mr. Ralph gave out figures regarding the perforation they referred to the number of holes perforated on the respective sides of the stamps in question. Therefore, Mr. Ralph in all probability, refers to the 11 perforation for which we have been waiting." Mr. Beukma's deduction is one that we attach credence to and explains, if accepted, the very curious measurements of the gauge that Mr. Ralph seems to have decided upon. We are awaiting word that will clear the atmosphere of doubt in this particular.

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Sonora—Some time ago, we received a contribution from W. Parker Lyon, former mayor of Pasadena, Cal., with his scheme for the plating of the white and green seals of Sonora. Mr. Lyon is a student of the Mexican war issues and his work along these lines shows his belief in and enthusiasm for the stamps. He draws a parallel between the numeral issues of Hawaii and the green seals of Sonora, which is a comparison that is not unflattering to the Sonora issue, it is certain.

DEATH OF REV. E. MILLAR.

Stamp Collecting informs us of the death of Rev. E. Millar, M. A., secretary of the Church Missionary Society's mission in Uganda. Mr. Millar went to Uganda as a layman in 1892 and his name is familiar to philatelists for the reason that he improvised postage stamps of various denominations in cowries, using a typewriter, the only one in Uganda at that time. These famous typewritten stamps were issued at Mengo in 1895.

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2c	1.25	.25
3c	1.10	.08
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10c shades	2.00	.40
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15c	.60	.18
1882-90, 3c No. 42a	.60	.06
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	2½p ultramarine	122	.08
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UNITED STATES:—J. M. Bartels advises us of the following new envelopes:

Issue 1911.

Denom.	Die.	Type.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
2c	A		2	blue	18	79
2c	D	6	5	blue	17	87
Issue 1915.						
1c	A		13	white	20	89
Issue 1916 (Circular Die).						
2c	D		8	amber	19	97
2c	A		3	amber	20	92

AUSTRALIAN COM.—The Kangaroo stamps have appeared with inverted water marks according to *Marsh's Philatelist* as follows:—
½d green, wmk. type i.
1d carmine, wmk. type i.
2d gray, wmk. type i.
2d gray, wmk. type iii.
3d olive, wmk. type i.
6d ultramarine, wmk. type i.
2s brown, wmk. type iii.
5s yellow and black, wmk. type ii.

BAHAMAS.—Frank P. Brown has shown us copies of the 5p (Queen's Staircase type) surcharged SPECIAL DELIVERY in two lines showing different settings of the surcharge. One shows the "E" of DELIVERY directly under the "S" of SPECIAL and others show the "E" to right of the "S." Each overprint shows a minor difference in the setting.

GERMAN CHINA.—Through courtesy of A. L. Lewis we have seen two oddities of this colony. He shows us German Empire issue of 1900, 5pf and 10pf surcharged "1900—China—POSTAGE—Due" in four lines of Gothic type.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The Post Office Circular of December 16, 1916, contained the following information. "Introduction of Halfpenny Post Cards and Wrappers bearing a new design of stamp. Postcards and newspaper wrappers bearing a halfpenny impressed stamp in which his Majesty's head is represented in profile are about to be issued. Reply postcards of the new pattern will be supplied first, about the date of this circular." We obtained a supply of the new post-card on December 20th, which appears to have been the first date of the sale. The frame design of the stamp remains unchanged, but the head in centre oval is in profile, similar to the current adhesive. This issue is printed in dull green on thin buff card.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

HONG KONG.—"The Hong Kong $5.00 stamp is mentioned by the *Colonial Journal* as having been printed on the new make of green paper."—*Marsh's Weekly Philatelist.*

NAURU.—J. A. Galbraith has shown us the balance of the British Stamps surcharged "NAURU," comprising the following values; 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 9d and 1sh. These with the stamps chronicled on December 30 complete the issue.

ST. HELENA.—Frank P. Brown and J. A. Galbraith have shown us copies of the new "WAR TAX" stamp 1d on 1d, this being a 2d stamp and not a 1d stamp as is general.

SIAM.—We have seen a copy of the 12s on 8s 1909-10 issue apparently without the "12" but a close inspection reveals a colorless impression of the numerals, submitted by A. L. Lewis.

SWITZERLAND.—Wm. Jowett submits copies of the 5c and 10c Juvenile stamps chronicled in our issue of Dec. 23rd.

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February 20, 1917.

The annual jollification of the Society was celebrated this evening, starting with a dinner at the Georgian at which 22 gentlemen and 16 ladies were present. The dinner was greatly enjoyed by those present and the ladies were each given a souvenir in the form of a smelling salts bottle, appropriately engraved with the Club's initials and a box of chocolates. The menu, which in its general make-up and neatness reflected the usual good taste of the printer, Mr. J. O. Wright, bore one of the new posters issued by the French Philatelic Society, this being appropriate as the lecturer of the evening had as his topic "The Postage Stamps of France."

After the dinner most of the ladies went to the theatre and the members adjourned to the club room. After the regular business the meeting was turned over to Mr. J. W. Prevost who gave those present an interesting talk on the subject of the postal facilities, or perhaps, to state it more correctly, the endeavors of those shut up in Paris at the time of the Franco-Prussian war, to get mail in and out of that city. Mr. Prevost had several letters sent out by means of balloons and read translations of one or two of these. He also read a very interesting letter from a soldier now at the front with the French army. After this talk Mr. Prevost showed his collection of the stamps of France, a collection which he entitled a "growing collection" but which is rich enough in the stamps of that country to satisfy any ordinary collector.

Mr. Brown, the newly elected President announced some of the things which the council had adopted for the coming year, among which were a bulletin board upon which members will be able to post notices of stamps which they may have for sale; an auction at each regular meeting which will not last for more than thirty minutes and at which members may sell lots donated for the benefit of the Society in addition to those which they sell for their own profit, such lots to be sold first but which will not in any case take up more than fifteen minutes of the time allotted for the auction; that non-resident dealers who hold auctions may use the clubroom for the purpose of displaying such auction lots free of charge, or of displaying collections which they desire to sell, the only proviso being that no actual sales shall take place in the club room. There were thirty members present and five guests, four of which were ladies, the wives of Messrs. Barker, Swan, Russell and Kelleher. The meeting adjourned at 10.15 p. m.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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—We need several copies of the issue of No. 6 1914 and will gladly send a couple of foreign exchanges for each one sent us. We are making up some complete files of 1914 and are lacking the required number of this particular issue.

—On Wednesday evening, February 14, the Washington (D. C.) Philatelic Society and the Washington Branch No. 5, S. P. A., held a dinner at the Ebbitt House. The menu of the occasion gives every indication that the affair was an enjoyable one.

—Herbert Bowen, a well known philatelist of Detroit, and a member of the Library Commission from 1905 to 1910, has just presented the Burton Historical Collection his valuable collection of bank bills, coins, script, documents, etc.

—Applications of the Queen City Stamp & Coin Co., Oriental Stamp Co., Charles S. Thompson and Wm. J. Rueger have been received for membership in the American Stamp Dealers' Association within the last few days."—C. V. WEBB, Sec.

—President Kissinger of the S. P. A. is appointing resident vice presidents for all states and large cities. Their goal is 2000 members when they meet in Minneapolis next August.

—At the request of C. A. Ploch we urge all dealers having claims against Mrs. Kalfka or Caefka, etc., to send the same to the Inspector in Charge at New York City. This is the proper course of procedure inasmuch as Brooklyn is under this jurisdiction.

—Jess M. McNeil favors us with some postal rates clipped from some old newspapers. We are not reprinting the same as the demands upon our space just now make it impossible.

—"I want to correct a misunderstanding in your issue of Feb. 10. In your first editorial Mr. Gary apparently understands that the new perforations on U. S. stamps are to be, 10¾ x 13½ which is not the case. Mr. Ralph has counted the number of holes, not measured them with a gauge. The above perforation is the new 11 gauge and is the same on both sides of stamp."—CLAUDE C. BEALS.

—A Saint Valentine's Day banquet was held at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C., Feb. 14, to celebrate the consolidation of the Washington Philatelic Society and Washington Branch No. 5 of the Southern Philatelic Association. President Clifford W. Kissinger of the S. P. A. was the guest of honor and the wives and sisters of the members added grace and beauty to the well laid table. Mr. Albert E. Gorham acted as toastmaster. The affair was in charge of the following committee: Rutherford Wysong, chairman; Albert E. Gorham, secretary; Harry B. Mason, treasurer; Prof. David E. Lantz and John W. Thompson.

—A philatelic exhibition of educational value will be placed in the Waltham Public Library by the Boston Collectors' Club, during the week, March 26 to 31. L. H. Brigham is the chairman of the exhibition committee and is in charge of the exhibit. This is not intended to attract great attention in philatelic circles but will call attention of the general public to stamps because of their educational value or beauty. Entries have been made by several collectors and others may be entered with the chairman at Waltham, Mass., before March 15.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Harold Kingsford, W. G. Birdseye, J. L. Shipley, Stanley Maurseth, Owen Bent, Geo. W. Langwell, J. L. Shipley and Herman W. Boers.

—A Washington, D. C., subscriber calls our attention to certain stamp papers giving P. V. Hiordan advertising publicity. Surely the WEEKLY has said enough concerning this party to close tight the columns of every stamp paper in the country so far as Hiordan's use of stamp papers is concerned.

—Supplementing the News Gleaning in connection with new Canadian cancellations we have received other specimens from Alvin S. Riches of Winnipeg and E. R. Slater of New Haven, Conn. We chronicled only one variety, but there are several others of a similar character: —"Save, save, save and buy war savings certificates;" "Help to win the war. Buy war savings certificates" and "Save your money. Lend it to your country."

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U. S. POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUE OF 1851-60.

By BILL BLOSS.

Three Cents, 1851.

The three cent stamp of 1851 has probably been better studied and discussed than any other United States stamp. Up to a few years ago, pairs and strips and even blocks of this stamp were not uncommon, and being the first low value to come into common use (for it was used more than the 1c) it has naturally attracted the attention of collectors. Specialists interested in this stamp may consult the hand-book by Dr. Carroll Chase published some years ago.

This stamp was first placed on sale on July 1st, 1851. It bears a profile portrait of Washington, after Houdon, facing to the left, on an oval disk with solid background. A white band surrounds this disk. A lathe-work border, with a rosette in each corner, completes the design. At the top, a label bears the words "U. S. Postage" in solid white capitals. A similar label at the bottom bears the inscription of value "Three Cents" in capitals of the same style. The entire design is surrounded by a single line.

There is a very great range of color in the three cent stamp. The three principal shades are dull red, rose and orange brown. Intermediate shades may be found. The orange brown shade is scarcer than the others.

Twenty-eight plates were used in printing these stamps. Nos. 1 to 6 are known to have been used on the imperforates, while Nos. 10 to 28 are Type II and were used on the perforated issue of 1857-60. The use of Nos. 7, 8, and 9 has not been determined though the plates were known to exist.

There are two distinct plate types of the three cent in the perforated stamps only. Only one type was used on the imperforates. The difference lies in the line surrounding the design. In Type I (the first type, as used on the imperforates) this line is found on all four sides of the stamp. In Type II, the lines at top and bottom have been cut away to permit the perforation to register without cutting away the design.

There are a great many minor varieties of this value, such as cracked plate, double transfer, hair lines, double frame lines. The perforated stamps are known imperforate vertically and imperforate horizontally.

Five Cents, 1851.

The Act of Congress passed on March 30th, 1855, provided for the registration of letters by the post office upon payment of a fee of five cents. This created a need for a five cent stamp, and accordingly this value was added to the series then current on the 5th of January, 1856.

The five cent stamp bears a three-quarters face portrait of Jefferson, after Stuart, on an oval disk with solid background and white border. On the upper and lower portions of this border are four irregular spaces, shaded. The whole is surrounded by a frame of lathe-work with double line of loops with rounded corners and a projection at top and bottom and each side. The difference in types in the perforated stamp lies in these projections.

There are two distinct shades of the five cents imperforate, red brown and brown, with intermediate shades. Pairs of this stamp were sometimes used for the ten cent rate to Canada but are rare. Many of the five cent stamps were used singly for registration purposes. Blocks are practically never seen.

There are three distinct types of the perforated stamps, but only type I is found on the imperforate. Type I has full projections at sides and top and bottom. On Type II, these projections are partially cut away. On Type III, the projections are entirely cut away.



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This value is not especially interesting in cancellations as paid, way, free, steam, ship, etc., are not often seen.

Ten Cents, 1851.

The Act mentioned above, passed March 30th, 1855, also included an increase in postal rates for letters carried over 3,000 miles, as well as other important changes. It became necessary to issue a stamp of ten cent denomination, and this was placed on sale on May 4th, 1855.

The ten cent stamp bears a portrait of George Washington, after Stuart. There are two distinct shades, yellow green and dark green. These are found in both the perforated and imperforate issues.

There are several types of the ten cent value. Scott lists two, combining the others. The differences lie in the curved outer lines of the labels at the top and bottom of the stamp, and in the ornaments at the sides. There are six types in the imperforates and five in the perforated.

Type I is the original design, with complete outer line at top of label inscribed "U. S. Postage" and at bottom of label bearing value "ten cents", and with complete ornaments at sides, showing the three pearls in their entirety.

Type II has the outer lines above mentioned broken in the center, but with complete side ornaments.

Type III shows the re-cutting of the outer lines, similar to the re-cutting on the 1c stamp. The ornaments at sides are complete, with pearls.

Type IV bears the complete outer lines as in Type I, but the side ornaments are partly cut away, so that part or all of the pearls are missing.

Type V has the outer lines broken in the center as in Type II, but with side ornaments partly cut away, so that part or all of the pearls are missing.

Type VI has the outer lines re-cut as in Type III, but the side ornaments are broken and pearls missing as in Types IV and V. The existence of this type in the perforated stamp may not be definitely proven.

These types are more or less confusing to the amateur collector, and can be learned best by carefully studying the illustrations. There are several intermediate types, showing the lines more or less cut away and only one or two pearls missing.

In the writer's opinion, this ten cent value is one of the handsomest stamps ever issued, and one of the most interesting to the collector of these types. It is possible to obtain some interesting cancellations.

12 Cents, 1851.

This value was placed on sale July 1st, 1851, for the first time. It bears a portrait of Washington, facing three-quarters to the left, after Stuart. Few shades exist. There are no plate varieties of importance, either in the imperforate or the perforated.

Bisected copies are known, where the stamp has been cut diagonaly, and used as 6c, also in quarters for use as 3c. Splits of this nature are only proven genuine when on the original cover, with cancellation covering the cut. Dangerous bogus splits are known, with cleverly reproduced cancellations. Most of these bisects were used in California, indicating a shortage of the three cent stamps.

The imperforate stamp is also known printed on both sides.

24 Cents, 1851.

This value, together with the 30c and 90c, in imperforate condition, are three of the greatest rarities of U. S. stamps, and are known as such to all collectors.

Little record of the issue of the imperforate 24c stamp is known. Pairs, blocks and strips of unused are known and several copies used on cover have been discovered, proving that this value was issued imperforate. While the plates were made sometime between 1856 and 1860, the exact date of issue has not been determined, but it is thought to have been in June, 1860.

Like the ten and twelve cent values, this value also pictures Washington from a painting by Stuart, but in a three-quarter face to right position. The three principal shades are lilac, red lilac and grav lilac.

The fact that the perforated series was in general use at the time the 24c, 30c and 90c stamps were issued, and that these three values were issued perforated at the same time or shortly afterward, would indicate that the imperforates were from sheets which escaped perforating rather than that they were intended to be issued without perforations.

30 Cents, 1851.

This value pictures Benjamin Franklin, in profile. There are no plate types and but few shades of this stamp. Both imperforate and perforated were issued about the same time. The use of the imperforate has been proven by cover found (Luff). Unused copies are known in pairs, with gum and paper of the perforated stamps.

It is claimed that a few sheets of 30c stamps were issued in black, but that the color was changed at once as the cancellations did not show up properly. The actual sale and use of this variety has never been shown conclusively, and it is quite possible that these stamps are merely proofs or trial colors.

90 Cents, 1851.

The ninety cent stamp bears a portrait of Washington in full uniform, from a painting by Trumbull. There are no type varieties and but two shades, indigo and dark indigo. The imperforate stamp is extremely rare, but it is said to have been used.

Used copies of the ninety cent value are scarcer than unused. The writer has had a view of a 90c, 30c, 10c and two 1c used on one cover to South Africa. The owner holds this cover at many times catalogue value, so an idea of the rarity of the 90c on cover may be realized.

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Of this stamp we had the entire find of 67 copies. 59 of them have been sold. Balance are straight edged at right, will sell them at half price. No. 388a.
Write if interested. [18
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In our next Auction Sale, No. 209, to be held March 28th as usual in the Philatelic Headquarters of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, No. 34 South 16th Street. Two-thirds of this sale will consist of U. S. and Colonies stamps, fine single lots, quantity lots and some wholesale lots. If you do not receive our catalogs take note of our slogan and "Get On Our Mailing List."
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NEW U. S. ENVELOPES.

By J. Murray Bartels.

The February issue of the U. S. Official Postal Guide has some important announcements for envelope collectors. We are to have "window" and "Extra Quality" envelopes as an innovation. The latter will appear only on white paper but will be required by "cut square" collectors as they will be on heavy thick paper and cost about double price. The window style, already extensively manufactured privately, have a transparent space showing the address through from the letter or statement inside and will not require special addressing. This will mean a substantial saving to large concerns (telephone, gas, electric light companies, etc.,) sending out monthly statements.

The official notice reads:—

"1. Notice is hereby given that the Department is preparing to issue certain additional and improved stamped envelopes, and that prices on all stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers have been advanced.

2. The various styles of stamped envelopes will be known as "Low-back", "High-back", "Extra-quality" and "Window".

3. "Low-back" envelopes are those in which the folded side flaps form a flattened V-shape at the back. They will be supplied by the Department unless postmasters indicate otherwise on their requisitions.

4. "High-back" envelopes are cut high in the back, and are preferred by some users as being better suited to bulky inclosures than the "low-back" style. They contain more paper, and are therefore somewhat more costly to manufacture than "low-back" envelopes. They are now available in sizes 5, 8 and 13. Requisitions should be plainly marked "High-back".

5. The "extra-quality" envelopes are intended for sale to purchasers desiring a specially fine grade of stationery. Notice will appear in the Postal Guide when the Department is ready to supply them.

6. The window stamped envelopes are issued in response to a considerable demand on the part of large patrons of the postal service. They constitute a decided convenience, being ready for use without either stamping or addressing. The rules respecting the use of unstamped window envelopes in the mails (1916 Postal Guide, page 41) will govern also the use of window stamped envelopes. They will only be issued with the printed return-cards of purchasers, in lots of 500 or multiples of 500. Notice will be given in the Postal Guide when orders may be accepted by postmasters for window stamped envelopes."

The "Low and High-Back" envelopes have been in use right along and known to collectors as new and old knives.

The following will be included in the schedule:

High-Back: No. 5—1c, 2c, white and amber.
No. 8—1c, 2c, 4c, white and amber.
No. 13—1c, 2c, white and amber.

Extra Quality: No. 5—1c, 2c, white.
No. 8—1c, 2c, 4c, white.
No. 10—2c, white.
No. 11—1c, 2c, white.
No. 13—1c, 2c, white.

Window: No. 5—1c, white, amber.
No. 8—1c, white, amber.
No. 13—1c, white, amber.
No. 5—2c, white, amber, blue and buff.
No. 8—2c, white, amber, blue and buff.
No. 13—2c, white, amber, blue and buff.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Henry Voltz of New York City, who has been a regular advertiser in the Weekly for some time, has sold his stock to the Marks Stamp Co. We are sorry to lose Mr. Voltz as an advertiser. We have never had a single complaint filed against him during his business connection with the Weekly and his bills for advertising have always been paid promptly on presentation.

—"Will some one of the many readers of the Weekly tell me the best way to mount my envelopes—old covers, with rare postmarks and stamps on them—to the best advantage? Are there albums for such purposes? I do not remember of ever seeing one advertised.—Olin H. Clark.

—March 16 the Milwaukee Philatelic Society will hold its regular meeting at the Public Library, and a special movement is on foot to arouse interest locally not only in the Society but in stamp collecting itself. There will be an exhibit of a fine collection of U. S. stamps. A call for the meeting signed by the secretary, H. W. Protzmann, is at hand. Local collectors are invited to attend.

—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred submits for our examination a variety of the King George 1c post card which she has just seen for the first time. We do not know whether or not it has been chronicled in our New Issues department. The card in question has a horizontal line in the color of the stamp extending across the right hand half of the card and designed to keep the address lines in the lower half of the card.

—We have been favored with a specimen of a type two Canada 5c war tax stamp of the strip form. It differs from type one in that the picture of King George at the left and the numeral at the right are engraved at right angles to the remainder of the stamp. We presume that the set is now appearing in this form. Mrs. Oughtred calls our attention to the fact that this specimen is gummed, where in type one all values were issued without gum.

—Lowell J. Ragatz, Madison, Wis., cannot secure replies from letters sent M. Gener, Havana, Cuba. He would like to hear from other persons similarly situated.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Detroit Stamp Co., Wm. L. Hamilton (2), H. H. Reeves, G. S. Wallick, Elmer E. Smith, and Globe Stamp Co. (3)

—The Artemuis Stamp Co. informs us that A. Gilot of Ponce, Porto Rico, has settled its claim and the complaint is withdrawn.

—C. M. Breder sends us three interesting clippings. Two are from the Newark *Sunday Call* and the other from the Philadelphia *Inquirer*. Courtesies such as this are greatly appreciated by the editor, even though it is not always possible to use the clippings submitted.

AN A. P. S. OFFICER.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 2—Harris W. Craver has resigned as librarian of the Carnegie library of Pittsburgh and will become chief librarian for the United Engineering Society in New York. He has been in library work here for eight years and is vice-president of the American Library Association.—Associated Press Despatch.

[Mr. Craver is librarian of the American Philatelic Society whose library is in the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh.]

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EDITORIAL.

Disturbed—We learn that in consequence of the unsettled conditions attending the exchange of mail between this country and Europe, measures are being devised in an attempt to overcome the uncertainty as to the fate of foreign mail. The suggestion has been made to the Postmaster-General by the Merchants' Association of New York "that foreign mail be forwarded in units, duly registered in order that the sender may know in what unit his letter has been placed and if the unit is lost, he will be certain as to the fate of his mail." It may be realized how much puzzled speculation was indulged in by business men as to the safety of their letters when the Laconia, for instance, was lost. If they knew that their letters were or were not aboard this boat, the certainty of knowledge, even of calamity, would relieve the suspense. The association thinks that the increased expense by the operation of the plan would gladly be met by the imposition of higher postal rates.

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Pitcairn—The post office department is making an announcement in which we imagine that we can detect under the formal exterior of the notice, a gleam of satisfaction. We quote from a circular sent out from Washington: "The steamer Australplain will sail from New York on or about March 15th, 1917, *via* the Panama Canal for Pitcairn Island, said steamer being due to arrive at the island named within 25 days of the date of sailing. In order that advantage may be taken of this unusual opportunity for the expeditious dispatch of mail for Pitcairn Island, postmasters and other postal officials will please take notice of the foregoing and cause the widest publicity to be given thereto." None of the South Sea Islands have a more romantic setting in the minds of the boy readers who in fancy shared the adventures of the heroes of Stevenson and others. The descendants of the mutineers of the famous ship Bounty were on Pitcairn Island until they were removed to Norfolk Island which for administrative purposes is under New South Wales.

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Special—We find on a registered letter received from Italy, on the reverse, an elliptical label, about three inches in diameter, red glazed paper, on which is printed "Special Service" in black letters. On the label was an uncanceled copy of the 2c., current issue of Italy, which no doubt, rated the cost of the "special" tax.

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Pronounced—Our idea of the apex of devotion to philately is summed up in the remark of an enthusiast that he was gathering together a few millions, more or less, of the two cent red, 1890, in order that he might take the lot with him on a summer vacation and study them amid the solitude of nature. "The stamp has unlimited power to please," quoth he.

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Pictured—An interesting cut of the "U. S. P. O. Dep't Stamped Envelope Agency," of Hartford, Conn., is shown in the return card in the upper left corner of the three cent Plimpton stamped envelope of the Post Office Department, issue of 1874. The building was an imposing one of four stories with dormer windows and towers on the roof.

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Eclipsed—We hear that a collector who was one of the greatest authorities on the stop and non-stop, thick v's, etc., etc., of the Orange River Colony surcharged V. R. I., is now hard pressed to live on his past reputation. In fact, he, who as the greatest detector of them all of dotty varieties had his triumph is now so reduced in pomp that he cannot borrow a dime from the philatelic boulevardiers who pass him with unseeing eyes. Item. Every dog has his day in philately.

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Junior—The Junior American Stamp Society has been organized through the efforts of a band of enthusiasts who feel that there is need for a society that will devote itself to protecting the interests of the younger collectors and encourage their philatelic ambitions by a regard for and understanding of them. The dues are twenty-five cents a year and the officers are capable young men,—President, H. R. Hendricks, Waxachie, Texas; J. G. Bassler, Secretary, and V. W. Rotnem, manager of sales and exchange department. We wish this new organization all success and we feel that the boys may well place themselves under its wing.

Bad—In the current number of the *Stamp Trade*, our friend who furnishes the Mexican news tells that the warning that was given in our February 3rd issue regarding the Villa overprints in forged condition is belated. The correspondent shows that he reported the existence of both Villa and Carranza monograms, forged, last July. Since that time, the two surcharges have been coming out of Mexico in full force. The Carranza black sheep were tagged a long time ago but the delay in recording the Villa G. C. M. forgeries has been long enough to be dangerous. Mr. Geo. W. Linn says that there are a number of different forgeries running the gamut from bungling to dangerous. Mr. Linn says that many of the Villa monograms, forged, are with cancellations back in 1907; these are the rare varieties with the overprint on the 1899 and 1903 varieties! Too, there are counterfeits of the small Carranza script surcharge on the 5 and 15c. as well as on other values which are not known with the surcharge. The reputable dealer is the collector's bulwark between the buyer of the insurrection stamps and loss.

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Hope—A writer in describing his experiences as a collector says that the philatelist is one who is inspired by a "high hopefulness" as long as he remains a collector. Yes, the tumble takes place when he decides to sell his collection to the dealer; then, hope is knocked off her pedestal and the "Abandon hope," etc., sign is hung out. For that matter, why is it that the collector is so apt to rasp the dealer when said dealer offers his price for the collection that is brought in to be sold? We shall not resort to the threadbare comparison that has been invoked so often to show that in no other collecting field do the dealers pay more or perhaps as much for stock than or as stamp dealers. It is the average collection that suffers when it is sold, for reasons that are apparent. The one that is out of the ordinary is the one that dealers want and will pay the better price for.

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CHAPTER XII.—*Shifts.*

Shifted transfers are not common in the series. The only well known varieties come on the 2c Bank Check and the 2c Certificate. They occur on both perforate and imperforate blue stamps and on both the orange and the blue perforated stamps. The shift is quite distinct and consists of the lines in the lower part of the stamps being doubled. Where there is a single line on the ordinary variety there will be a double line on the shift, one line usually fainter than the other. Often the fainter lines are broken. This gives the words "Bank Check" and "Certificate" the appearance of being shaded. It is understood the shifts are caused by starting to rock the transfer roll on the plate and then re-starting it from a slightly altered position, thus making two impressions of the part of the design first transferred. Shifts are most noticeable when the first or partial impression from the transfer roll is heavy and is an appreciable distance from the second impression. Faint first impressions very close to the second impressions will become incorporated in the latter and the stamps will show only a single impression.

Revenue collectors who have studied the shifts are inclined to believe that other shifts equally as worthy of notice as those mentioned are to be found. The writer has seen the 2c U. S. I. R. orange, and one of the 50c stamps with shifts and has no doubt others exist. A copy of the 2c proprietary has been seen that has every appearance of being a *complete shift.* Almost every line on the stamp is double, yet it is not a double print. The impression is clear and does not have the heavy, blurred appearance of the few 15c Inland Exchange known to exist doubly printed. No information regarding the position of the shifts on the plates is available. The only "attached" copy that has come to the writer's attention is a 2c certificate. This stamp is the left half of an imperforate horizontal pair—the right half is a normal stamp. All we can gather from this pair is that this shift did not occur in the extreme right hand vertical row.

CHAPTER XIII.—*Issues of 1871-1875.—Remarks.*

The various experiments made by Joseph R. Carpenter as the successor of Butler & Carpenter, for the purpose of protecting the government against loss from the re-use of washed stamps of the first issue finally resulted in two new issues, one for paying the tax on documents and the other for the proprietary tax. The immediate cause of the change was the discovery in 1869 of counterfeits of some of the stamps of the first issue, and in the preparation of the new stamps, the most careful precautions were taken to make it impossible either to wash or to counterfeit them successfully. In addition, the documentary stamps were required to be cut or punched. The writer has been unable to find the law or ruling of the department which made the "herringbone" or other cut or punch cancellation obligatory but such a large proportion of the second and third issue documentaries and of the late printings of the first issue are found with these cancellations that it is safe to say there was some such order or ruling dated not later than 1870.

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The paper used for the second and third issue documentaries, and until about October 1, 1874, for the proprietaries, was patented by James M. Willcox of Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, who sold it to the government, who in turn supplied the contractor. It has blue and red silk fibres plentifully scattered through it, is of medium thickness, and was sensitized by chemical treatment so that any attempt to remove a cancellation, whether by acid or by alkali, would discharge the red or blue coloring matter, or both of them, with which it was impregnated, thus changing its appearance. It is well named, chameleon paper. When issued it probably did not vary greatly in shade, but used copies of the stamps range all the way from bluish gray through violet to pink. Copies of the documentary stamps on greenish paper and other shade varieties are due to atmospheric or other causes and cannot be errors. The true green paper did not come into use until two years after the documentary stamps—except the two cent—had been obsolete. None of the chameleon paper was used for the private die stamps and it should not be confused with the pink paper used on some of the private proprietaries in 1877 and 1878.

As with the first issue, at first it was intended to use a profile of Washington on the low values. Unforeseen difficulties rendering this inadvisable, only three-quarter portaits were used. The fugitive black in which the medallions were printed often is not a good, full color on the used stamps and one can well imagine how unsatisfactory profiles would have been. The writer has never learned of the existence of genuine stamps printed without medallions but has seen copies with very faint portraits and is of the opinion the black could be bleached out completely.

One of the most interesting features of these extremely interesting series is the ingenious method by which the stamps were intended to be printed. When stamps are printed in two or more colors the usual practice is to take a separate impression for each color. Except the $200 and $500 values the documentary stamps of the second issue have the frames all in blue and the portraits in black and ordinarily there would be for each denomination a frame plate and another plate containing the portraits. In printing two separate impressions would be required, one from each plate, and of course this means twice as much printing to complete a given number of stamps as when only one color is used. On July 13, 1869, John Earle and Alfred B. Steele of Philadelphia patented an improved process for printing stamps whereby only *one impression* was necessary to complete each sheet of stamps regardless of the number of colors used. Both of these gentlemen were engravers in Mr. Carpenter's employ and apparently assigned their patent to him. Some of the second issue documentary and proprietary stamps were printed by their process. So far as the writer can learn the stamps so printed are unique for it appears to be the first and only time any stamps anywhere have been printed in two colors at one operation.

The method was as simple as it was ingenious. The plates were engraved by transfer rolls in the usual manner. There were two frame plates for the 5c, 25c, $200 and $500 values, one frame plate for each of the other issued values, and one portrait plate for each denomination except the 2c which had two. On each frame plate wherever a portrait would have been a hole was cut through the plate the same size as the space the portrait would occupy. These holes were octagonal or circular according to the shape of the portrait space. The portrait plates were thicker and the metal surrounding the portraits was removed to a depth exactly equal to the thickness of the frame plates, leaving the portraits on raised octagonal or circular bosses which exactly fitted the holes in the frame plates.

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UNITED STATES.—The attention of envelope collectors is called to article by Mr. Bartels elsewhere in this issue.

ARABIA.—In our issue of Feb. 24, we chronicle a new set of stamps. We have now to report a second set according to *Stamp Collecting:*—

"Mr. Sèfi has just received a consignment of the second, and evidently permanent issue for the Kingdom of the Hedjaz. The first set, he points out (consisting of the ¼p green, ½p red and 1p blue) was only an emergency one, and will doubtless become very scarce. The ½p and ¼p stamps are perf. 12, and the 1p perf. 10."

BAVARIA.—The stamp recently chronicled by us, the 2pf surcharged 2½ in black in both of the upper corners, was incorrectly described as gray. Victor Seitz calls our attention to the fact that this stamp has a distinctly bluish tinge to it. It might be termed a bluish gray.

MAURITIUS.—The 25c white back so long overdue is now reported to have been put into circulation. It is the "Last of the Mohicans" and was listed as issued a year ago. Colors black and red on yellow.

SEYCHELLES.—*Stamp Collecting* upon the authority of the *Colonial Journal,* says that a combined postage and revenue 6c stamp will shortly be printed.

SWITZERLAND.—We are indebted to Mr. F. Reinhard, Editor of the *Schweizer Briefmarken Zeitung,* for a copy of what both he and we consider the most interesting provisional (from a strictly philatelic point of view) yet issued in Switzerland. In consequence of the altered postal tariff, the 3c Postage Due stamp has fallen into disuse, and the postal administration accordingly decided to overprint the stock of remainders comprising 1½ millions, with the new value, 5c. The surcharge is novel in form, and was executed at the Swiss Federal Mint. Two asterisks were first printed in red, over the numeral "3", and the new cipher, "5", surcharged in black, leaving no vestige of the original figure of value.—*Stamp Collecting.*

Lauren Tremper has shown us a specimen of this stamp.

SCHRADER AND SCHLATTER.

According to the *Los Angeles Times,* evidence has been discovered against August Schrader and Francis Schlatter, the alleged local "divine" healers, held on the charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud, that seems to indicate that the accused had a side line of income in addition to "blessing" handkerchiefs for a "contribution".

Among other things found when their effects were confiscated was a valise full of stamps of various nations of the earth which if genuine, would be of considerable value to philatelists.

An expert philatelist has investigated the stamps and is said to have found that a very large percentage are forgeries, but whether the counterfeits were bought by Schrader and Schlatter as genuine, is not known.

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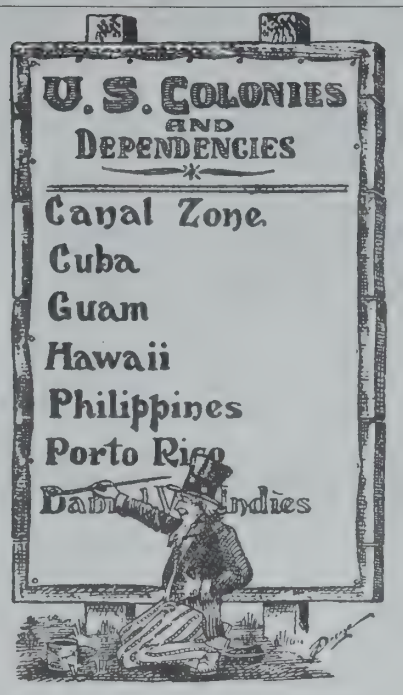
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The 283rd regular meeting was called to order March 1 at 8.30 P. M. by Pres. Schlesinger, with 19 members and the following visitors present:—Chas. R. Goetz, vice-president N. P. S., and Mrs. Goetz; J. L. Stroub and Mrs. Stroub and F. Lefebore. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Otto G. Horster was proposed for membership by Mr. Mozian. H. M. Lewy resigned as local sales superintendent for the A. P. S. and J. Mouhib was appointed in his place.

Invitation was read from the Collectors Club to participate in its 21st dinner and stag to be held March 17 at the Ansonia. Several of the members promised to attend. The meeting adjourned at 9.15 P. M. After the meeting Percy M. Mann of Philadelphia showed his very fine collection of commemoratives, for which he received a certificate of honorable mention.

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PRECANCEL NOTES.

By Dr. W. I. Mitchell.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—The 2c 1898, exists with tail to "R", like the 1c. The 1c, 1902, exists inverted, both with and without the tailed "R". The current electro type I have from 1c to 10c inclusive normal, and the 1c and 10c inverted.

Centerville, Md.—Used precancels last Christmas (1915). Roller type between lines, vertically. Some show the lines indistinct or missing. Have the 3, 4 and 7c reading up and the 1, 5, 6, 8 and 9c reading down.

Chambersburg, Pa.—The 1c Smith's type 1, exists reading horizontally in 1902 issue as well as the 1898. The 4c 1908, I have in the same type, reading down.

Champaign, Ill.—Uses a regulation electro type, in which I have the 1, 4 and 5c only, all normal.

Chanute, Kansas.—One stamp out of every twenty shows the error "Chanutte" These were used Christmas 1915, rubber stamped, "Chanute, Kans." between lines, vertically. I have the 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10c reading up and the 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 11c reading down.

Charleston, S. C.—Have but one example of this, the 1c 1912, reading down.

Charleston, West Va.—Electro plate type, similar to current St. Louis, 1c to 15c inclusive and 2c due, all normal. Small capitals, rubber stamped, 12c perf. 12 normal.

Charlotte, N. C.—The only copy of the roller type I have is the 12c perf. 12, reading up. In the electro plate type, I have the 2, 3, 4, 6 and 10c normal.

Charlottsville, Va.—Electro plate, tall, thin capitals. Had seen no values except the 1c until recently, when I have secured the 6, 8 and 10c, and presume the other values exist. Have the 1c inverted.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Smith's numbers 3, 4, 6 and 37 I have never seen or heard of and I doubt their existence very much. I have the 5c 1902 in Smith's Type 1, and Highland Park Station 1c 1902 inverted, neither of these listed by Smith. Also have the following St. Elmo Station which Smith does not list: 1c dated "1-02," 5c dated "3-02," 5c dated "4-02" and the 1c date simply "02," without month, the date being exactly in the center showing that is not a copy of any of the monthly dated issues, which all have the year way to the right. Also have the 10c 1902 in Type III and 10c 1902 double in Type IV, and the 5c 1908 in Type IV.

Chehalis, Wash.—Used the office oval "killer" to precancel last Christmas. Have only the 6c value, but have seen several others.

Chester, Pa.—Besides the two varieties listed by Smith in the appendix to his catalog, I have the 1c 1908 inverted, 1c 1912 normal and 1c Panama-Pacific normal, all perf. 12.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Began to precancel at Christmas, 1915, using the 10c 1908 and the 1c to 50c 1912-14 issues, as well as the 75c parcel post and 2, 5 and 10c yellow Panama-Pacific. I have the 7, 8 and 30c inverted and the 10c yellow Panama-Pacific reading up also.—*Philatelic Gossip.*

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CHAPTER II.

Line Engraved—Plate Numbers.

A slight alteration of the dies in 1858, provided philately of later years with a subject that has created numerous controversies and the use, I might hazard, of tons of printers' ink and paper.

In order to lessen the opportunities of forgery, the lettering originally in the lower corners only, was duplicated in reverse order in the upper corners. As previously, the lettering of the lower corners, denoted the position of that stamp on the sheet, for example, a stamp lettered B-F in the lower corners, would be the sixth stamp of the second row—and the upper corners would, of course, be lettered F-B.

In this new series, in the "engine-turned" columns was inserted in uncoloured figures the number of the plate. In the ½p, 1p and 2p values, the plate number is found reading from the profile, upwards on the left and downwards on the right, always half way. In the 1½ penny value, the only plate number so designated on these stamps, occurs just over the lower corner letters.

During the long life of these stamps of over twenty-one years, no fewer than 152 separate plates were used from numbers 71 to 225.

Many plates were known to have been issued only in certain postal districts, as Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff, Dublin, and Edinburgh as apart from London. Plate 116 was in fact sent to Cardiff in an imperforate condition toward the end of the year 1868.

As each plate was "profiled" and passed by the authorities, it was "registered". Sometimes, however, a certain plate was in issue before it was actually proof-registered as stamps are known date cancelled on original before their registration date.

The following dates will represent either the date of registering or earliest known date of use. The first four plates were issued before and up to March 14th, 1861, and seemed to have been in concurrent use for two or three years, as will be seen from the list of dates.

Plates 75, 126 and 128 were withdrawn through damage and thus never issued. Plate 77 was issued, but immediately withdrawn for the same reason and the few that were sold to the public now represent one of the scarcest British Stamps. Plates 226, 227 and 228 were made, but never issued. So far as the value of the plates is concerned, all are common, but numbers 223, 224 and 225 are the most difficult to procure. The latter number has always commanded the highest price, but seems no rarer than the other two immediately preceding it.

The stamp lettered "S-A—A-S" in plate No. 81 has the lower S inverted.

Many minor flaws of lettering and indistinct numbering occur. The following is a list of dates of issue or Registration of penny plate numbers:—

Plates 76 to 81—earliest date Feb. 7, 1863.
82 to 86—earliest date March 1, 1864.
Plate 87—earliest date March 7, 1864.
88—earliest date March 17, 1864.
89—earliest date March 22, 1864.
90—earliest date March 30, 1864.
91—earliest date April 5, 1864.
92—earliest date April 12, 1864.
93—earliest date April 19, 1864.
94—earliest date April 26, 1864.
95—earliest date June 4, 1864.
Plates 96 and 97—earliest date Oct. 5, 1864.
98—earliest date Mar. 10, 1865.
99, 100 and 101—earliest date Jan. 1, 1866.
102 to 107—earliest date April 4, 1866.
108 to 111—earliest date Mar. 23, 1868.
112 to 116—earliest date Apr. 12, 1868.
117 and 118—earliest date June 9, 1868.
119 to 124—earliest date Aug. 15, 1868.
125, 127, 129 to 132—earliest date Feb. 5, 1869.
133 to 138—earliest date Mar. 31, 1869.
139 to 144—earliest date Feb. 2, 1870.
145 to 149—earliest date Dec. 23, 1870.
150 to 155—earliest date Apr. 24, 1871.
156 to 161—earliest date Jan. 12, 1872.
162 to 167—earliest date Oct. 24, 1872.
168 to 173—earliest date Apr. 9, 1873.
182 to 186—earliest date Oct. 14, 1874.
187 to 190—earliest date Apr. 20, 1875.
191 to 194—earliest date Sept. 3, 1875.
195 to 200—earliest date Mar. 9, 1876.
201 to 205—earliest date Nov. 16, 1876.
206 to 209—earliest date May 10, 1877.
210 to 212—earliest date Nov. 16, 1877.
213 to 216—earliest date Feb. 25, 1878.
217 to 220—earliest date Aug. 4, 1878.
221 to 225—earliest date Dec. 31, 1878.

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100	"	.69	7	Iceland	.20
15	India	.7	10	Paraguay	.9
20	Chile	.10	20	"	.29
100	U.S.	.20	10	Uruguay	.7
200	U.S.	1.39	20	"	.17
50	Cuba	.40	30	Holland	.9
10	Turkey	.3	20	Portugal	.6
30	"	.24	20	Denmark	.7
50	"	.45	30	"	.18
75	"	.84	6	Reunion	.5
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3	Soudan	.5	50	Australia	.15
7	Siam	.15	10	Persia	.8
10	Chile	.3	40	France	.15
10	Greece	.5	10	Jamaica	.10
40	French	.10	17	Mexico	.10
25	Italy	.5	10	Trinidad	.12
60	"	.19	4	Mauritius	.4
2	Congo	.3	25	Bulgaria	.19
3	Crete	.3	5	Zanzibar	.20
20	Norway	.12	10	Nicaragua	.10
10	Straits	.7	20	Iceland	.65
50	U.S.	.8	50	Honduras	.65
10	Persia	.8	50	Brazil	1.25
6	Bosnia	.5	28	Russia	.30
10	Egypt	.7	10	Ceylon	.15
20	Russia	.9	15	"	.40
10	Finland	.5	15	Servia	.15
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6	Fiji	.15	5	Monaco	.10
4	Borneo	.6	7	Martinique	.10
4	Hayti	.5	7	Hyderabad	.10
50	Persia	.69	4	Guinea	.10
30	"	.39	3	East Africa	.8
6	China	.6	5	Dahomey	.10
10	Tunis	.9	5	Angola	.10
17	"	.35	5	Morocco	.10
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40	Hayti	1.00	10	Victoria	.15
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6	Phillipines	.4
25	"	.40
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4	Gold Coast	.8
6	Hong-Kong	.8
11	Wurtemburg	.3
15	Argentine	.11
10	Guatemala	.9
10	Costa Rica	.8
10	Brt. Guiana	.15
6	St. Vincent	.14
5	Zambesi	.10
5	Timor	.10
5	Ivory Coast	.10
4	Cochin China	.10
5	Canal Zone	.10
5	Cape Verde	.10
3	Seychelles	.10
1000	Hinges	.5
20	Roumania	.5
20	New Zealand	.15
10	Gold Coast	.25
100	South America	.42
50	British Colonies	.6
100	" "	.19
150	" "	.60
100	Australia	1.30
10	Indo-China	.15
18	Wurtemburg	.6
5	Newfoundland	.5
10	"	.9
30	"	1.00
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50	" Canada	.5
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100	" "	.80
150	" "	1.25
200	" "	2.95
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7	Nyasaaland	.15
30	Sweden	.10
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60	Portugal Col's	.40
100	" "	1.39
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My 1917 price list of stamps of the United States and Its Colonies is Free.

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The two-penny value had nearly a year's longer life, but only seven plates were ever issued, all comparatively of the same philatelic value. The numbers range from 7 to 15, with the exception of 10 and 11, which never got further than the die stage.

The last three plates show very much thinner lines above the words of value and beneath the word "Postage". The colour of the 2p was fairly even of shade during its long life, but it, too, is greatly affected by de-oxidisation.

A value for newspaper postage was contemporary with these plate numbers of the value of three half pence, bearing the usual profile of the Queen in a heart-shaped design containing up the left, the words "Postage", at the top "Three", and down the right "Halfpence". The first plate was not numbered, but the other, for only two were issued, is figured "3" as already described. On the first plate occurs the well-known error lettered in the corners "O-P P-C" instead of "C-P P-C". This plate had been printed and registered in a bright mauve colour, the ink completely tinting the paper bluish, but was never officially issued for sale in this colour.

Both plates are of equal value, but cannot be considered *very* common despite their low price.

In 1870, the postal rate for certain weights of newspapers was lowered to one half penny, which necessitated a stamp of that value. It was about half the size of the ordinary issue and was printed in sheets of 480 stamps, lettered A to T in the rows and A to Y down the rows.

This stamp ran through a series of fifteen different plates, numbered one to twenty, numbers 2, 7, 16, 17 and 18 never being issued. Plate 9 is a scarce stamp and difficult to obtain in perfect condition, but the others are fairly easy of access even today.

Unlike the other line-engraved stamps, the crown watermark was not used, but the paper was watermarked with the words "half penny" in Script italics running the length of three stamps.

Several plate numbers are known imperforate and partly imperforate, especially in the margins vertically at either right or left, or both.

As with plate 81 of the penny value, plate 13 bears the letter S inverted.

The Post Office was urged about 1868 to discard the low value line engraved stamps in favor of the surface printed ones as already in use for the higher values. This was advocated by W. W. de la Rue of the firm that had already printed the values over 2p, as a further preventative against the cleaning of used stamps. A committee accepted the view and the whole of the contracts were given to Messrs. de la Rue.

Check List.

1858-1879. Watermarked large crown.

1p pale red to brown-red, shades, plate numbers 71 to 225 with exceptions.
2p blue to violet-blue, shades, plate numbers 7 to 15 with exceptions.

1860-1870. Watermarked large crown.

1½p red and rose-red, plates (1), 3.
1½p bright mauve, unissued plate (1).

1870. Watermarked words "half-penny" over 3 stamps.

½p rose and rose-red, plate numbers 1 to 20 with exceptions.

(To be continued.)

PATRIOTIC POSTER STAMPS.

Those who are interested in this branch of collecting are invited to read an advertisement elsewhere in this issue announcing two patriotic poster stamps. They are issued by the United States Junior Naval Reserve and the funds will go for the maintenance and equipment of Naval Cadet training camps and for the training of American boys for the U. S. Navy and Merchant Marine.

The Reserve is backed by many prominent men. Louis M. Josephthal, vice-president, is Lieut. Commander and Paymaster of the 1st Battalion, New York Naval Militia. Mr. Ferguson believes that stamp collectors and others will be interested in these stamps in view of the purpose for which they are issued.

These poster stamps will be sold at 10c each. There are two designs. One bears the inscription "Camp Dewey, New London, Ct." and shows a picture of Admiral Dewey with a battleship. The other "John Paul Jones, Training School, Corpus Christi, Texas." with a profile of Jones and battleships in action. Both stamps are printed in blue.

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"TO THE BRITISH CENSOR!"

(Mr. Auf der Heide is our Hilversum, Holland advertiser who has had some difficulty in getting his mail through to this country. His most recent communication was accompanied by the following pathetic appeal to the British censor. In our case at least it was effective.—Ed.)

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32 Mauritius, 20th Century
33 Natal, 20th Century
34 New Zealand
35 Niger Coast Protectorate
36 Niue, Stamps of
37 No. Borneo, Stamps of
38 Seychelles, 20th Century
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Vahan Mozian states that his next sale will take place March 30 instead of March 27 as advertised. On this evening a specialised collection of Guatemala will be sold, with a variety of U. S. and foreign.

—The Excelsior Stamp Co. is unable to secure replies to communications sent R. Kaufman, Yale Sta., New Haven, Conn. Others similarly situated should correspond with the Excelsior Co.

—By Mr. Poole's advertisement in this week's paper it will be noted that he is eastward bound. He will be in Chicago March 23-29 and is on his way to Philadelphia, where he will become connected with the Franklin Stamp Co.

—We regret to learn of the death of the Reverend Geo. Mueller of Chanute, Kansas, who was buried recently, the Bishop of Kansas having performed the last rites. Mr. Thos. C. E. Hunter sends this tribute of one whom we knew for many years as a subscriber: "Mr. Mueller was just an ordinary U. S. collector, a lover of stamps, who took delight not in their value but in the arranging of them, in giving of his store to those less fortunate than he and it was a pleasure to visit him. I mourn the loss of a friend and a philatelist."

—A. G. Odell, renewing his subscription, encloses 50c additional for a year's subscription for some shut-in. We shall be glad to hear from any of our subscribers who can file with us the names of some worthy shut-ins.

—At a recent election the following were chosen as officers of the Vermont Philatelic Society, a branch of the National Philatelic Society:—President, W. G. Watt; Vice-President, D. C. Alexander and Secretary-Treasurer, Gilbert H. Doane.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Wm. L. Hamilton, Kendall Thurston, Mrs. M. E. Aitken.

—No. 5 of the *Claremont Philatelist* published by L. B. Gatchell, 15 Claremont Ave., N. Y. City, is before us. The publication gives the manager a chance to voice his philatelic enthusiasm and a sample copy will no doubt be sent upon request.

—A strong sign of prosperity in the conduct of the business of the Apex Stamp Co., Bradford, Mass., is shown by the taking of displayed space. Hereafter the advertisements of this company will be found upon page 2. We should accord this firm the credit of having had no complaints filed against it for unsatisfactory business relations during its use of adlet space.

—"Through the assistance of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, *Philatelic Gossip* and the A. S. D. A. *Bulletin*, I have recently placed eleven complaints with P. O. Inspector at N. Y. City in reference to Kafka. I have also placed seven complaints with the Chief Post Office Inspector at Washington concerning Hugo Singer. Would you kindly request any having complaints on Singer to send same to the Am. Stamp Dealers Assn., Perry, Ohio?" —C. V. WEBB.

—It is with much regret that we learn of the death of Mrs. Howland Speakman of Chicago, which took place at the home of her father in Philadelphia, from blood poisoning that followed the extraction of a tooth. Mr. Howland Speakman who has our sympathy has long been a collector of stamps; and he has one of the best philatelic libraries, specialized, in existence. Recently, Mr. Speakman sold his wonderful collection of twentieth century stamps to E. B. Power.

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On Saturday, March 10, we received a bunch of ten new six months' subscriptions from the Edgewood Stamp Co., carrying the firm's total to an even hundred subscribers obtained since October 1. There should certainly be a strong feeling of gratitude upon our part towards the Edgewood Stamp Co. for the wholehearted manner in which this campaign for new subscribers has been waged. It has meant some trouble upon their part and yet the firm has the satisfaction of making one hundred collectors even stronger collectors than they would have been had this publication never entered their stamp collecting lives.

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EDITORIAL.

Called—Under date of the 6th of March, 1917, the third assistant postmaster general issued the following order: "Postmasters who have postage stamps of the $2 and $5 denominations in stock are directed to report the quantity immediately to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps." It is likely that some disposition will be made of these high values as it is the policy of the department to make the stamp stocks as "liquid" as possible.

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Liberia—A reader sends us a list of Liberian stamps that the American-Liberian Trading Company of Monrovia, Liberia, offers for sale for cash. Each of the denominations, from one to fifty cents, as follows, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 50 cents, were priced by the dozen at a price averaging about 25% under face. The stamps are used, we infer, and from the fact that they are said to be taken from the company's stock, it is possible that the Liberian company in question is emulating the example of the American mail-order houses that sell their stamps. A footnote to the list reads: "Unused Liberian stamps supplied at 10% commission. These may be postmarked, if desired."

Can You Use Any of These?

	Cat. Val.	price.
Argentine—*1902, 5c, No. 141	.25	.20
1912, 50c, No. 200	.20	.10
1912, 1 peso, No. 201	.20	.10
Australia—1913, 6d, No. 8	.06	.03
1913, 9d, No. 9	.20	.06
1913, 1sh, No. 10	.10	.05
1913, 2sh, No. 11	.50	.25
*1914, 6d, No. 18	.50	.35
Costa Rica (all unused)—		
1905, 1c on 20c No. 58b	.10	.05
1911, 1c No. 78	.04	.02
1911, 2c No. 79	.15	.06
1911, 10c No. 83	.12	.08

Costa Rica	Cat. value.	Price
1911, 1c on 10c No. 86	.05	.02
1911, 1c on 10c No. 87	7.50	2.00
Guatemala *1881 20c on 2r No. 20	1.00	.20
'98, 6c on 5c double sur.No.77b	5.00	.60
'98, 6c on 10c, doub.sur.No.82b	5.00	.60
Japan—Coronation, four values comp.		.16
Commemorative, 2 values		.10
Nicaragua—1913, 1c on 5p, No. 317		.04
1913, 2c on 20c No. 319		.20
1913, 10c on 2 peso, No. 336		.20
*1910, Nos. 527, 529, 531	3.00	.40
*1907, 1c to 20c (no No. 653) ..	1.16	.35

Postage Extra.

The Zema Company, P. O. BOX 1014, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Agone—We remember well how a short time after the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, two Liberian commissioners tried to market the 1892 set in quantity. Liberia had a commendable display at the Fair and it was represented by the two ministers extraordinary who said while republics were not necessarily ungrateful, they did not in all cases always pay cash for services rendered; and somewhat to their inconvenience they had been remunerated in postage stamps of their benign government. Now, while the striking and beautiful pictorial set of 1892 had made a profound impression on collectors generally, novelties of the kind not having been as plentiful then as now, yet dealers did not find the demand for the $1, $2 and $5 so great that orders by telegraph even at the dealers' expense came in pell-mell. Consequently, the sets were not merchantable except at a discount much to the pain of the urbane and oleaginous diplomats who were confronted by necessity that knew no law and the ambassadors, judged by their ample girth, had to eat!

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Thanks—Says a subscriber: "To mix metaphors a bit,—here is something for a rainy day when your tank of experience is dry. True story and all that sort of thing; I know because I engineered the deal. A dealer who was much bothered by a hanger-on in his shop who sought to pick up acquaintances with the idea of making engagements with them privately; and who the dealer was morally certain, chased collections that were offered to the dealer but not bought by him for different reasons. He resolved to play a trick on the undesirable and he doctored up a collection in an old album as the first step. Then, when purposely he was absent from his office, the dealer had a friend, impressed for the occasion, call with the old album, when the lounger was in. The girl clerk, in on the game, asked that the stranger wait until the proprietor returned as no doubt he would be glad to give the price asked, $25. He wanted the money at once, however, and would not wait; and he gave a final thumbing of the pages which bulged with rare U. S. and rich foreign, it seemed from a cursory glance. At this juncture, the pest nonchalantly took his departure and the chap who wanted to sell the collection was pounced on by him at the corner. 'I'll give you the $25 if you come over to the bank with me,' said the victim. 'I only have a few minutes,' said the stranger, who seemed to make time the essence of the contract. The deal was completed in a hurry and the buyer repented at leisure,—the collection as a conglomeration of fakes, frauds and freaks was an artistic success. He doesn't know how he was taken into camp,—yet." Without any insinuations whatever in the present instance, we merely say that a dozen years ago or so, we told a story about like this one but we did not say that it was even founded on fact.

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Queried—The following interesting letter has been received from Henry J. Perry, M. D., Boston: "It seems to me that something might be written on the misuse of the term, 'part perforate' as the equivalent of coiled, when applied to U. S. issues. None of our coiled stamps are 'part perforate' but there is a little known variety of coiled stamps issued about two years ago, both the one and the two cent denomination that was imperforate. They are still on sale in a few offices but were returned from the Boston office to Washington, so I am told by the clerks. I have seen these varieties mentioned only once in the literature of philately but never in any sale or price list and so I judge that they have escaped the attention of most collectors." If we dare trust to memory, mention was made of the use of imperforate sheets of the one and two cent for coiled stamps, either experimentally or to utilize the sheets on hand; and it was remarked at the time that the "laps" would be necessary to prove the identity of these coiled stamps.

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Canada—The Stamps of Canada by Bertram W. H. Poole, has just been issued as the twentieth in the list of handbooks issued by the Severn-Wylie-Jewett Company and we predict a hearty welcome for this neatly-printed book of over seventy pages. The price of twenty-five cents will ensure a large sale for the work and it is likely that the stamps of Canada will be in augmented demand by reason of Mr. Poole's presentation of the solid claims of merit of the issues. It is our conviction that those collectors who are inclined at all to the stamps of Canada will regard the purchase of our latest handbook one of the best of investments.

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Rejoinder—In the course of a letter from a veteran philatelist from whom we are always glad to hear, we find the following forceful paragraphs: "As for the old timer who frothed at the mouth, figuratively, upon hearing the words, 'stitch watermark,' I have only words of reprobation. I, too, think that it is nonsensical to exalt the stitch watermark but I do not care to cram my opinion down the throats of the modernists. I condemn your correspondent for thinking that any interested body of men can establish any fad or fancy as a permanent institution in philately. We know that collectors are not amenable to rhyme if they are to reason and it would be well if they were not so independent as a class. A single citation is enough: A new philatelic publication is deservedly lauded to the skies and all collectors are advised to buy it,—but they do not!

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Our attention has been called to the fact that there are counterfeit Dominican Republic stamps on the market and collectors of the stamps of this country will do well to be on the look-out. We have seen specimens of the 50c and 1 peso, Nos. 126 and 127, which have been declared counterfeits by an expert to whom they were submitted. We urge all purchasers of these stamps to note carefully the following particulars by which the counterfeits can be identified. We are indebted to C. J. Utermark, Seattle, Wash., for his description of the counterfeits, which follows:—

The counterfeits are lighter in color.

The lettering in both frame and centers of the counterfeits are heavier and uneven.

Both of the rosettes in the upper corners of the frame are indistinct and show no white centers.

The cross in the centerpiece is wider, and the vertical line above it if lengthened would run between the two lines in the cross, while in the original this short vertical line would form a continuation of the left inside line.

The ball-like ornaments on each corner above the shield are uneven and the left one is round instead of flat as in the original.

The wedge like ornament above center of the shield is smaller and uneven.

The spearheads are too close together and of uneven size and also show white spaces. The upper spear handle in the lower right quarter of the shield has a line runing through its center, which is missing in the originals.

There are other minor differences.

We urge dealers to be very careful and not offer these stamps for sale in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. Subscribers who have purchased these stamps should return the same at once and ask for a refund of money.

Later.—Supplementing the above information we took the matter up with George Rulffs, 7415 Third Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., from whom the stamps were obtained, and sought further information as to the original source of supply. Mr. Rulffs informed us that the stamps came to him "with a number of other lots in the ordinary course of dealing." We shall watch sharply all advertisements of the stamps in question and do our best to prevent their being marketed through our columns.

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44A,	unused, o.g., fine margins and superb	8.50	4.00
45C,	unused, no gum, fine margins and superb	7.50	3.25
45C,	an unused block of four, no gum, but superb	30.00	12.50
48aB,	unused, no gum, but fine margins and superb	8.50	3.50
153B,	a superb used copy, fine margins, lightly cancelled	8.50	4.50

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3,	unused, o. g. and superb	2.50	1.20
3,	a very fine used copy	5.00	2.75
3,	a superb o.g. triangular blk. 4	10.00	5.00
5,	unused, o.g., and superb	3.00	1.30
5,	a superb o. g. block of four.	12.00	5.50
5a,	unused, no gum, but superb .	6.00	2.50
12,	a fine used copy, good margins on three sides, close at left, but fine color, lightly cancelled, and a fine copy	25.00	8.75
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19a,	unused, o. g. and superb ..	3.00	1.30
19a,	a superb o.g. block of four..	12.00	5.50
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	Ceylon, 15c ultramarine	184		.03
	Ceylon, 25c bistre	185		.15
	Ceylon, 1r 50 gray	188		.40
1910,	**Ceylon,** 25c gray	193		.15
1912,	**Ceylon** 50c black & scarlet	210		.10
1913,	**Grenada,** 3p orange, ...	81		.05
1914,	**Grenada,** 3p white back	89		.18
1912-5,	**Jamaica,** 3p violet	65		.10
	Jamaica, 3p white back	69		.08
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This was the standing on March 10. Prizes are offered to the two subscribers getting the largest number of new subscriptions before April 25, but dealers are debarred from this competition. The prizes are as follows:—

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The Edgewood Stamp Co. has purchased the stock of Henry Voltz, 81 Nassau St., N. Y. City. Mr. Holloway visited Toronto and as a result the entire stock comes to Milford, Conn. No doubt the firm will make our readers fully acquainted with the merits of the property it has acquired.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by MILTON P. LYONS, JR.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address Milton P. Lyons, Jr., 1631 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—The writer has seen a copy of the current 2c envelope on white paper with a horizontal crease in the paper, which when opened gives Washington's head an unusual elongated appearance, especially noticeable in the nose which appears to be about twice the normal length.

AUSTRIA.—R. Cohen reports having a copy of 2h 1908 issue surcharged

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the numerals being placed over the original figures of value. So little news is now coming from the Central Powers that often the appearance of a stamp of new design or valuation is the first intimation that such a stamp has been issued.

BAHAMAS.—A 3d stamp has been mentioned by several journals as a probable new issue; it will be printed in violet on yellow paper of the familiar "Queen's Staircase" design. The 5d is to be changed from orange to violet. According to *Ewen's Weekly* a 1d Red Cross stamp is soon to be issued.

BELGIAN CONGO.—From Champion's *Bulletin* we note that a changed method is in use in regard to the "Taxes" stamps (postage dues), formerly these stamps were placed on letters and merely hand-stamped as above without any obliteration. Since July 15th, 1916, the Post Office requires that these stamps be cancelled by the issuing office, so in the future these stamps can be listed in the "used" column. Scott does not recognize these stamps, claiming the overprint is merely a cancellation. This new ruling may cause them to be treated as legitimate postage dues, as is the case in Europe.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The new 3c stamp being prepared for this Colony will be printed in orange, following the Crown Agent's color scheme. It will make possible the use of one stamp for postage rate and war tax, instead of two as at present.—HARRY E. HUBER.

CHAMBIA STATE.—The *Phil. Journal of India* gives the totals of the current Indian stamps overprinted for this state in November, 1916: according to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* as follows:—

Ordinary.

12 annas, claret,	512
1 rupee, green and brown,	384

Service.

½ anna, green,	3,072
1 anna, rose,	5,120
2 annas, violet,	1,280
4 annas, olive,	512
8 annas, mauve,	512
1 rupee, green and brown,	384

EAST AFRICA.—*Belgian Occupation.*—*Le Bulletin Mensuel* is thus quoted by *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*:—

"One of our correspondents, who was with the Belgian Expeditionary Corps of East Africa, has been kind enough to forward us interesting information of different stamps used in this country as soon as the Belgians occupied the colony. At the beginning of the year 1916, the Belgian troops having occupied Ruanda and Urundi, regions situated northwest of the German colony, the stamps of Belgian Congo were surcharged respectively in these two names. Although we have heard of the first surcharge we only now hear of the second surcharge for the first time.

A little later in the month of September following new progress, the Belgian Army occupied the village of Kigoma (Udjidji), on the lake Tanganiyika, and certain values of the Belgian Congo appeared surcharged thus

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but our correspondent has only seen the 25c value with this surcharge; then, several days later, the whole of the Belgian Congo Series received the surcharge "KIGOMA" in blue, but printed with two different seals.

These surcharges are not very neat; they appear to be made with the aid of a rubber stamp.

The postcards were likewise surcharged in the same manner, but in black, and the surcharge shows up to an advantage on the stamp.

Continuing their progress, the Belgian troops a little later took possession of Tabora, in the centre of the German Colony, and one of the German army stations, but at the time when our correspondent wrote us, no stamp of any description had been created. However, from other sources, we learn that some stamps were surcharged "TABORA."

CHINA.—J. M. Bartels Co. has shown us several values of the current Hong Kong stamps surcharged "CHINA."

Adhesives.

Hong Kong surcharged China.
1c brown.
2c green.
4c red.
6c orange.
10c ultramarine.

CURACAO.—We have seen the 7½c of the current type in a pale, washed-out buff color, through courtesy of J. M. Bartels.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Geo. W. Hartwell has submitted for inspection a copy of the new reply card as chronicled in our issue of March 3rd. The design has been redrawn and there are many minor differences in the engraving.

JAMAICA.—In the January printing of the 1½d War Stamp, sheets have been found showing inverted watermark, seldom met with in British Colonials.—HARRY E. HUBER.

CANADIAN CANCELLATIONS.



We have referred to the new cancellat ions now being used in Canada and this week by courtesy of M. W. Chapin of Toledo, Ohio, we illustrate two of the types now in use. We cannot take the space to chronicle the various types of advertising cancellations, but consider those illustrated above of more than ordinary interest.

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TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—The war has affected the revenues of these Islands, and mail matter is now taxed to help wipe out the deficit. Letters to the British Empire are taxed 1d and parcels 3d.

The current 1d carmine and 3d purple on yellow of the King George design have been overprinted in London, WAR TAX, in type identical with that used for St. Lucia, St. Kitts-Nevis and Grenada. These overprinted stamps were placed in issue at Grand Turk on January 3rd, 1917.

The 1d which comes in sheets of 120 (not divided into panes) requires two impressions of the overprint plate to complete, and therefore on some sheets the overprint on the first six vertical rows does not line up with that on the right half of the sheet. The 3d being in sheets of 60, is finished at one application of the overprint plate.

It was first proposed to surcharge these stamps locally, but on investigation it was found that the Government Printing Office at Grand Turk did not have sufficient type of the same font to set up the overprint sufficient for one sheet of stamps.

The stamps were then sent to the Government Printing Office at Kingston, Jamaica, but here they were quite rushed in taking care of the overprinted war stamps for Jamaica and Cayman Islands, in addition to their routine printing of forms, etc., required by the Island Government. The stamps were then shipped to London, where they were overprinted by De La Rue and then returned.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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Received From Government Secretary	122,981	122,981	122,981	100,601	122,981	122,981	122,981	114,956	121,946	122,305	121,156	122,600
Less those converted into 1 cent Stamp									121,800	111,000	111,000	54,000
Less Issued,	58,179	14,980	12,715	3,142	5,315	2,778	1,359	162	71	54	45	40
Balance on Hand,	64,802	108,001	110,266	97,459	117,666	120,203	121,622	114,794	75	11,251	10,111	68,360

On 3rd March, 1891, the Chief Commissary, who was then Stamp Commissioner, issued a return of the Provisional stamps with the exception of the 1c, 2c and $5 values. This is signed by "W. S. Turner, Chief Commissary" and is found in the above table.

From the similarity of the numbers stated to have been received from the Government Secretary in regard to the 3c, 4c, 6c, 10c, 20c and 40c it would seem that 19 stamps of each denomination had been reserved for some special purpose, but if reference be made to the paper published in December, 1908, it will be seen that there is a differenc as regards the 8c and the 40c. In that paper 123,000 of the 8c stamps are stated to have been received from De La Rue, while the Chief Commissary only acknowledges the receipt of 100,601 and the 40c appears in the paper at 121,200, while the Chief Commissary acknowledges 122,981. If these figures be correct—and the figures from the surcharges and destruction are practically correct—then the issue for 8c should be somewhere about 29,084 and not 51,483, while for the 40c stamp 5,920 would be the correct issue and not 4,139.

With regard to the 72c stamp instead of an issue of 12,599 5,055 would seem to be the correct number making this the rarest of the issues up to 72c. Of the dollar values, accepting the Chief Commissary's figures as a basis from which to start, then the issues in the Colony would appear to be as follows:

$1	$2	$3	$4
146	1,744	10,956	1,133

The $1 stamp therefore must be regarded as an extremely rare stamp while the $4 (large 4) would be represented by an issue of 149, practically the same as the $1 stamp. As a matter of fact, two of the $1 were destroyed under authority, leaving the actual issue at 144. £4 10 is the Catalogue price (S. G.) of the $1 as against £6 for the large 4 of the $4 stamp.

These notes are purely tentative and subject to further enquiry which may reconcile the difference between the figures derived from the return referred to and those taken in the paper as supplied by De La Rue. But I think one can fairly assume that the $1 stamp certainly is more rare than has been thought.—*Br. Guiana Philatelist.*

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All those present agreed that Mr. MacBride's collection of the 1869 issue of U. S. postage stamps was wonderful and showed great skill as it explained the manufacture from proof to the finished product. Unused and used in singles, pairs, strips and blocks, on and off covers, showing shades, grills, paper and cancellations. A lot of credit is due Mr. MacBride for the care and trouble taken in making up a collection of this kind.

Louis Mier of Rutherford, N. J., showed his penny plates of Great Britain and his collection consists of thirty-two thousand specimens. When one considers that it required the examining of about four million stamps to make this lot, it is hard to even imagine how much work it took to finish it.

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DEATH OF MAXWELL W. TURNER.

We are informed by H. T. Willcox of Jewett City, Conn., of the death of M. W. Turner of Warren, R. I. He was a member of the A. P. S. and died Feb. 25 after but two or three days illness with pneumonia. Mr. Turner will be remembered as an attendant at the Boston convention last summer, and as well at the last Springfield convention.

HOLY CITY OF MECCA BECOMES MEMBER OF THE POSTAL UNION.

Islam's holy city of Mecca, barred from time immemorial to all Christians, Jews and other unbelievers, has been to such an extent a subject of mystery and of legend to the outer world that it is difficult to realize that it has now become part and parcel of the International Postal Union, and that its name, with the prefix of holy, figures on the newly issued stamps of the recently constituted kingdom of Arabia.

The designs and descriptions are entirely in Arabic, and it is quite in keeping with the teachings of the Koran that these stamps should refrain from showing the effigy of the former grand sherif of Mecca, now King of Arabia. Indeed, that the latter should have permitted himself to be photographed and should have allowed the publication of his portrait in the *Illustrated London News* and other weekly newspapers of the same kind must be regarded in the light of a great concession to Western progress.

The stamps are green, red and blue, are printed by the survey office of Egypt to the order of the King of Arabia and bear on the top the words "Hedjaz Post". The side panels bear the date 1334 of the Arabic year, and also the date of the flight of the prophet from Mecca to Medina. It seems that these new Arabian stamps are in great demand by collectors in London and in Paris, where for the present they are selling at $4 and $5 a set.—Washington *Post*.

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AUTAUGAVILLE.—A small village in Autauga county, Alabama, having a population of about 200. It is philatelically famous from the fact that special 5c envelopes are alleged to have been issued by the Postmaster here in 1861 prior to the issue of the regular stamps for the Confederate States.

AVELLANEDA, GERTRUDIOS GOMEZ de.—A Spanish poetess who was born in Cuba in 1814 but lived chiefly in Madrid and Seville. Besides her many volumes of poems, she also wrote novels and dramas. Her name and portrait are shown upon a special 5c stamps issued in Cuba in 1914 to commemorate the centenary of her birth.

AVIS DE PAIEMENT.—(Advice of Payment). An inscription shown on a Chilian label of similar design to the acknowledgment of receipt stamp of 1894. This stamp is printed in black and specialists now assert that this particular variety was never issued though it has been catalogued for some time.

AVISO DE RECEPCION.—(Advice of Receipt). An inscription shown on the Acknowledgement of Receipt stamps of Salvador.

AVISPORTO-MAERKE.—The only inscription appearing upon a series of Danish stamps which are intended to prepay the postage of newspapers sent to non-subscribers. In Denmark newspapers can be ordered through and paid for at any post-office, and they are then delivered by the postmen unstamped. These stamps, therefore, are only used on newspapers sent in bulk to the news agents, or on those that are not subscribed for through the postal department.

AVO.—The value in which most of the stamps for the Portuguese colonies of Macao and Timor have been denoted since 1895. Until 1903 78 avos were equal to 1 rupee (worth 42c) so that 2 avos were the equivalent of an American cent. In 1908 the currency was slightly altered and at the present time 100 avos are equal to a pataca (worth 42c) so that 5 avos are roughly equal to 2c.

AYACUCHO.—The capital of the department of the same name in the republic of Peru having a present population of about 12,000. One of the 10c stamps of Arequipa was specially overprinted for use in this town in February, 1881. The town is of some antiquity for it was founded so long ago as 1539, by Pizarro, under the name of San Juan de la Victoria. When the independence of Peru was secured in 1824 the name of the town was changed to Ayacucho.

AYTONOMO.—A Greek word meaning "autonomy" found on some of the stamps of Albania and Epirus.

AZUAY.—A province of the republic of Ecuador having an area of 3,874 square miles and a population of about 133,000. During the latter part of 1902 all the stamps sold in this province were first of all marked with a control overprint of peculiar pattern which was applied by a handstamp to two stamps at a time. This was done in consequence of a fire in the town of Guayaquil in July of the same year during which a large quantity of stamps were believed to have been stolen from the Government stores. Fearing the stolen stamps might be brought into use the Governors of the various provinces were instructed to apply control marks to all stamps in stock before selling them and to refuse to accept unsurcharged stamps in payment of postage.

AZORES.—The Azores or Hawk Islands are a group of islands in the Atlantic about 930 miles west of the coast of Portugal. Though listed as a "colony" in tne stamp catalogues and issuing their own stamps the Azores are treated as a constituent part of the kingdom of Portugal. They are of volcanic origin, have steep rocky coasts, and are very mountainous. The total area of the whole group is 922 square miles. The Azores were discovered by the Portuguese navigator, Cabral, in 1431. In 1466 Isabella of Burgundy in-

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B.—I. This letter is found overprinted upon various stamps of the Straits Settlements, and denotes that they were used at the British postoffice maintained at Bangkok, the capital of Siam, from 1882 until 1886. Bangkok is situated on the banks of the River Menam, and consists really of a succession of towns having a combined population of about 600,000. The first is the commercial town, with shipping, sawmills for teak, and rice mills; next is the town of the Asiatics, mostly built on bamboo rafts on the river; then comes the Consular district with verandahed houses and flowering trees; and lastly, the "malodorous and ill-mannered" Chinese Bangkok and the native Siamese town, dominated by the royal palace. Tramways now traverse some of the chief streets, many of which are lighted by electricity.

II. A large capital "B" in conjunction with "Depto. Zelaya" is found overprinted on several of the more modern issues of Nicaragua used in the Bluefields district. The reason given for this distinctive marking of the stamps is that the currency in Bluefields is silver worth 42c to the peso, whereas the currency in most other parts of Nicaragua is paper worth only about 25c to the peso. Bluefields has a population of about 5,000 and has one of the finest harbors in Central America.

III. The letter "B" is shown under the bust on the French stamps of 1862, this being the initial of M. Barre, the engraver of the dies. (See also Barre.)

BADEN.—A grand-duchy of the German Empire having an area of 5,821 square miles. It is bordered by the Rhine on the south and west, Wurtemberg on the east, and Bavaria and Hesse-Darmstadt on the north. It has three votes in the Federal Council, and elects fourteen deputies to the Imperial Diet. The existing grand-duchy of Baden is a continuation and development of the ancient duchy of Swabia or Alemannia, principally through the two dynasties of the margraves of Baden-Baden and Baden-Durlach. In 1803, the ruling margrave of the united dynasties was made an elector of the empire, and in 1806 he proclaimed himself a sovereign grand-duke. Baden issued its first postage stamps on May 1st, 1851, and twenty years later these special stamps were discontinued in favor of the general series for the German Empire.

BADEN-POWELL. — Major-General Sir Robert Baden-Powell is, with the single and notorious exception of Postmaster O'Connell of New Brunswick, the only individual outside the Royal family whose portrait was, by his own orders, engraved on any postage stamp issued within the confines of the British Empire. The label in question known as the "Baden-Powell stamp", was issued at Mafeking during the historic siege of 1899-1900. It was produced by a photographic process, bears the facial value of 3d and was apparently only available for postage within the town of Mafeking itself. The stamp was designed by Captain Greener, who acted as Chief Paymaster during the siege.

BAGGE, JACOB.—A Stockholm firm of printers who typographed the current low value Swedish stamps and the official stamps which have been in use since 1910.

BAHAMAS.—The Bahamas, or Lucayos, is the most northerly group of islands in the West Indies. They include about 670 islands and islets, called cays or keys, and embrace an area of about 5,794 square miles. Only about twenty of the islands are inhabited, the population, consisting for the most part of the descendants of liberated Africans, being estimated at 58,000. The principal islands are New Providence, San Salvador, Abaco, Grand Bahama, Long Island, Eleuthera, Exuma, Mayaguana, Great Inagua, Andros Is., Watling Is., Rum Cay, Long Cay, Ragged Is., Cat Is., Berry Is., and Bimmis. The group is historically interesting as being the first land to be sighted by Columbus on his momentous voyage. The islands were occupied by British troops in 1718 and since then they have been permanently under the flag of Great Britain. The chief town, Nassau, is on the island of New Providence. It was notable during the Civil War as the headquarters of the blockade runners, and it is now much frequented by Americans as a winter resort. The Government is vested in a Governor, aided by an Executive Council of nine members, a Legislative Council of nine members, and a Representative Assembly of 29 members. Postage stamps for the Bahamas were first issued on June 10th, 1859.

BAJOCCHO. (Plural "bajocchi.") — The value in which most of the stamps of Romagna and the Roman States were expressed. A hundred bajocchi were equal to a scudo, which in turn was worth about $1 in American money. A bajoccho was thus roughly equal to 1c.

BAKERS CITY EXPRESS POST.—A local post of the United States in connection with which a special 2c stamp was issued. I have been unable to discover in what town this post was located or the date of issue of the stamp.

BALBOA.—The unit of value in the Republic of Panama since 1906. It is divided into 100 centesimos and has a nominal value equivalent to the United States dollar. It takes its name from Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the Spanish discoverer who was born at Xerxes in 1475. He accompanied Rodrigo de Bastidas in his voyage of discovery to the western seas (1501); discovered the Pacific Ocean (1513) and took possession of it in the name of the Spanish king. Jealousy on the part of his enemy, Pedrarias Davila, (whose daughter he had married) led to his execution in 1517.

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BAMBOURGEZ, M.—A French artist who drew the design for the first type of the 20c stamps produced provisionally at Bordeaux. All the other stamps of the series were drawn by M. Yon.

BAMRA.—A native State in the Sambalpur district, Central Provinces, India, having an area of 1988 square miles. Postage stamps were first issued in this State in 1889 and in 1894 their use was discontinued.

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BARBACAOS.—A town in the department of Cauca, Colombia, having a population of about 13,000. An alarming series of type-set labels were issued at this town in 1903.

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BARNARD, J.—A watchmaker and jeweler of Port Louis, Mauritius, who engraved the dies from which the now famous "Post Office" Mauritius stamps issued in 1847 were printed. He also engraved the plates for the "Post Paid" stamps of 1848 which took the place of the 1847 issue.

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BARRE, DESIRE ALBERT.—A French engraver born on May 6th, 1818, and who died on December 29th, 1878. He was the son of M. J. J. Barre, whom he succeeded as chief engraver to the Paris mint. He engraved the dies for the French stamps of 1863 and also those of 1870, the handsome first type for Greece, and the first isue for Persia.

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EDITORIAL.

Out—We have just been informed that the book on the recent issues of Mexico to date by Sr. Cosme Hinojosa, postmaster-general of Mexico in the cabinet of Carranza, has been received in this country. On the theory that the director of the postal division should know all about stamps of his own country, the book should be the last word on the subject. No doubt, we shall have some comment to offer when an examination is made of the history.

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Many—As is known, there is no limit of weight to first-class mail matter consigned abroad; and recently at the Chicago post office we had the experience of seeing a drayload of packages all addressed to Russian points, bearing first-class postage. Each parcel bore from nine to eleven dollars in stamps at the regulation rates of five cents the first half-ounce and three cents for each additional ounce. The affixing of the postage stamps on the packages was no mean job and the lack of high values was keenly felt. The clerk behind the counter under whose direction the mail to Russia was despatched said that postage as high as ninety-seven dollars had been paid on a package to Russia.

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Off—In the issue of March 10th, Bill Bloss, in describing the 10 cents 1851, in its type relations says that the differences may be learned best by a study of the illustrations,—and there were no illustrations. Through a misunderstanding the instalment was published before the illustrations of the types had been received. Consequently, we ask readers to suspend judgment on the description of the ten cent green, in question, for the time being.

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No—The intimation has been conveyed to us rather strongly that there is no likelihood that the Worthington collection will reach the auction block for many a day to come, if at all. Conditions have given rise to comment of different tenor regarding the disposition of the wonderful aggregation of stamps in question but it may be accepted without reservation that it is unlikely that the stamps will be offered at auction.

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Adieu—From Mr. Jos. S. Davis of Los Angeles, California, we have received some particulars of the "marks of appreciation" shown to Mr. B. W. H. Poole, "who is leaving for the east." Our readers were informed some time ago that Mr. Poole was to ally himself with the Franklin Stamp Company, Philadelphia. For a period of five years Mr. Poole has done service in advancing the cause of philately in Los Angeles where he found that not a few members of the general public were receptive to the philatelic idea. It is perhaps needless to say that Mr. Poole's philatelic scholarship and genuine enthusiasm for stamps will be missed in the California city; and we suspect that at the farewell banquet or complimentary dinner tendered to Mr. Poole by local friends and admirers, many a word of praise for Mr. Poole was pronounced. We may add that philately is at flood tide in Los Angeles and a recent progressive step has been taken there in the merging of the two local societies there.

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Test—We were asked recently to take charge of an American edition of "Who's Who in Philately" somewhat on the order of its British prototype because it was insinuated by the prospective publisher that we had more knowledge of the personnel of philately than any other person, so far as general application was intended. This is somewhat interesting to us whether true or not but we may say that we have received evidence to the effect that we must have kept a close eye on our philatelic friends since 1888, when we joined the American Philatelic Society and the Chicago Philatelic Society, at the age of sixteen. We remember many of the prominent collectors of each decade, if a divison by time be adopted; and we have seen many come, tarry a while to catch the fancy of the philatelic world and then sink under the surface. Others, such as Deats, Wolsieffer, Stone, et al. are unswerving in their allegiance. We coyly admit that we have a fairly shrewd idea of the bigger men in public philately today.

COLLECTOR'S CLUB ANNUAL.

At the annual meeting of the Hartford Collector's Club held on Monday, March 5, the following official board was elected for the ensuing year:—President, Eugene D. Field; Vice-President, Theodore M. Lincoln; Secretary, Irving E. Partridge; Treasurer, Morgan W. Taylor; Auction Manager, W. C. Phillips. Executive, the above, with Henry S. Redfield and Emerson F. Harrington; Entertainment, Olin H. Clark, W. C. Phillips and Dr. J. B. Newton; Membership, H. B. Collamore, M. W. Taylor and W. H. Webb; Press, W. H. Bruce; Librarian, Joseph Wachstetter; Auditors, T. M. Lincoln and W. L. Ulrich. The club is in a flourishing condition, having a membership of over fifty and a bank balance and invested fund of $350. The club will have as guests at the meeting on Monday, April 23, the members of the New Haven Stamp Club.

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Recently the Post Office Department called for an estimated price from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the pre-cancelling of stamps, with a view to having the work done there for all post offices using 4,000,000 or more pre-cancelled stamps in a year. Twenty offices come within this class:

Augusta, Maine; Baltimore, Md.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Dayton, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; Detroit, Mich.; Kansas City, Mo.; Louisville, Ky.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Minneapolis, Minn.; New Orleans, La.; New York, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.; Springfield, Mass. and Springfield, Ohio.

At only three of these offices was the cost of precancelling in excess of the estimate of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing: Augusta, Maine, New Orleans, La., and Springfield, Mass. Accordingly an estimated year's supply for each of these three offices was ordered pre-cancelled at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in hopes that after operating the Bureau would find that a cut could be made in the estimated price which would bring it to a figure equal to or below that of several more offices. It is not the intention to pre-cancel stamps at the Bureau for those offices where the work is being done, or can be done, cheaper locally.

The denominations and quantities precancelled for each of the three offices were as follows:

Augusta, Maine: 1c, 4,000,000.

New Orleans, La.: 1c, 3,600,000; 2c, 50,000; 3c, 50,000; 6c, 10,000; 1c Due, 20,000; 2c Due, 270,000.

Springfield, Mass.: 1c, 3,000,000; 2c, 600,000; 3c, 30,000; 4c, 30,000; 5c, 30,000; 6c, 20,000; 7c, 30,000; 8c, 20,000; 9c, 50,000; 10c, 20,000; 11c, 10,000; 12c, 20,000; 15c, 20,000; 20c, 30,000.

The cancellation is practically uniform for all three cities, the usual heavy horizontal bar top and bottom, with "Augusta-Maine" in two lines, "New-Orleans-La" in three lines, or "Springfield-Mass." in two lines, in tall heavy line capitals.

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The coloured C.A. papers so far made at the new mills are the yellow and green. The first trial-making was of the yellow paper, and can be distinguished by small red spots in the substance of the paper. The explanation of this defect is that after the pulp had been coloured, and the paper was in course of manufacture it was thought that the colour was not deep enough. A quantity of the colouring ingredients was therefore added to the pulp, which did not obtain the requisite mixing, with the result that the first 15 reams of paper were speckled in appearance. As the majority of the paper was intended to be used for stamps printed in doubly fugitive inks it was decided to coat the whole of this making, so that the spots do not appear on the face of the stamps and can only be distinguished on the back.

(1) The spots in this trial make of paper would be more correctly described as *chrome* instead of red. This paper is readily distinguished as lemon-yellow, and is distinct to either the full lemon or full yellow makes.

The chrome spots vary considerably in magnitude. In some of the sheets only odd stamps can be found showing the speckles, and in others in blocks of four to twelve. Since the greater portion of the 15 reams of this trial paper was appropriated for printing certain Colonial certificates, the stamps existing with the chrome speckles must be a very limited number.

On examination of a portion of our stocks we find the following to have occurred on the paper in question:—

Br. Solomon Is. 4d (? 1916).
Cayman Is. 5sh (? Nov., 1915).
Gold Coast 3d (Sept., 1915).
Grenada 3d (Oct., 1915).
Jamaica 4d (Feb., 1915).
Leeward Is. 3d (Aug., 1915).
Leeward Is. 5sh (Aug., 1915).
Montserrat 3d Arms (Feb., 1915).
Nyasaland 3d (? Dec., 1915).
St. Lucia 4d (Feb., 1916).
Straits Settlements 10c (? 1916).
Straits Settlements $2 (Aug., 1915).
Togo on Gold Coast 3d (Nov., 1915).
Trinidad and Tobago 4d (? Nov., 1915).
Virgin Is. 3d War Stamp (Dec., 1916).

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After this trial-making the makers obtained a knowledge of the proper quantities of the colouring ingredients, and the second making of the yellow and the first of the green papers were made to this standard. In spite of the care taken, the new papers vary in shade when compared with the old makings. Both papers are 480 set size.

A certain quantity of the old yellow and green papers, which were in sheets of two sizes, *i. e.*, 240 set small postage and 60 set large revenue size, remained to be used, but the former sized paper is now practically exhausted. A large quantity of the green revenue size paper and a small quantity of the yellow revenue size remains to be used, and will probably last for some years.

The use of the old yellow paper for certain small supplies of stamps, which are printed from smaller plates, is the explanation of the appearance of stamps on lemon coloured paper.

(2) Though the contrary has generally been accepted, we have ourselves been of opinion the *lemon* paper issues would in most cases ultimately prove very much scarcer than the yellow varieties. The ordinary or original yellow has varied in the make as between an intermediate orange-yellow and light yellow, but in the latest make we have seen not only sheets that may be described as bright yellow, but others that have undoubtedly come from the same milling in an orange-yellow practically identical to the original—at least in separated stamps no difference is discernible in the two makes. The bright yellow only exists in the newest make.

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Large stocks of the blue and red papers of the old make still remain on hand, and it is probable that the red paper will not be exhausted for the next ten years.

The red C.A. paper was prepared for the penny duty, and consequently it was necessary to hold a large stock. Owing to the decision to print the penny duty in singly fugitive red to conform to the requirements of the Postal Union, a large quantity of the red paper was left on hand, and as it is now only used for the £1 duty or its equivalent, it will be many years before the supply is exhausted.

(3) The information relating to the blue and red paper might in interest be extended. In the recent or latest supplies passed for printing, another solution for chalk coating has had to be resorted to owing to the difficulty or impossibility of mixing to match the fluid formerly used. The new solution being much less coloured and seemingly in itself containing an ingredient which in drying absorbed or rather in a degree bleached the dye in the paper, the latest printings have in consequence appeared as being on paper considerably paler than the first or original issues.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We are informed by M. Ohlman, 75 Nassau St., N. Y. City, that he can get no replies to letters sent W. C. Smith, 110 S. Wabash Av., Chicago, Ill. Three letters plus one registered remain unanswered. Information is desired.

—Joseph M. McAuliffe noticing our statement that A. Gilot of Ponce, Porto Rico, had recently settled a claim informs us that he sent the party no fewer than three letters since August 30, 1916, and can get no reply.

—We are advised of the death of Philip J. Appelhauser of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was in his 58th year and died of heart disease. For many years he had been a subscriber to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and was a member of the Brooklyn Philatelic Exchange.

—The Bethlehem Branch of the S. P. A. held on March 21 its first annual banquet. It was a most successful occasion. Following the banquet E. B. Power of Stanley Gibbons Inc. gave a talk on U. S. postage stamps.

—E. A. Southwick, 388 11th St., Portland, Oregon, reports trouble with one Frank B. Smith who has failed to answer two inquiries in relation to stamps sent on approval. H. Wendt reports a similar experience with this same party. Dealers interested will please write Mr. Southwick.

—There was a typographical error last week in the advertisement of the Atlas Stamp Co., West Somerville, Mass. The set of Nyassa, 1901 inverts unused, 2½ to 300r, consisting of nine varieties was advertised for $3.50. The price should have been $13.50 and we are glad to make this correction.

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Ceylon, 15c ultramarine .... 184 .03
Ceylon, 25c bistre ..... 185 .15
Ceylon, 1r 50 gray ..... 188 .40
1910, Ceylon, 25c gray ..... 193 .15
1912, Ceylon 50c black & scarlet 210 .10
1913, Grenada, 3p orange, ... 81 .05
1914, Grenada, 3p white back .... 89 .18
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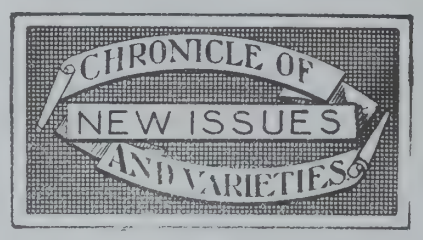
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UNITED STATES.—According to J. M. Bartels the following new envelopes have been issued:

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
		Issue 1911.			
1c	A	5	Amber	20	87
4c	A	8	White	20	91
4c	B	9	White	20	61
		Issue 1916 (Circular Die)			
2c	A	8	White	19	61
2c	A	13	Amber	19	89
2c	D	7	Buff	19	96
2c	E	5	Blue	19	87
2c	A	14	Amber	20	93
2c	D	8	White	20	97

F. L. Koepf reports having obtained the 15c, $1.44 and $1.60 varieties similar to the 12c of the Wine and Cordial set of revenues chronicled on February 24th.

AUSTRALIA.—Through courtesy of O. Kendall we have seen copies of 1p typographed, and ½p Kangaroo, perforated initials "O. S." and "O S—N S W" in two lines (On Service, New South Wales). As Scott's does not list stamps of this nature there is but little interest taken in them, yet it would be interesting to know if each of the original colonies in the Commonwealth used official stamps initialed in this manner. The writer has seen these stamps initialed W. A. for Western Australia.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Mr. A. Hatfield, Jr., kindly sends us the following information: "There have recently been offered for sale, blocks, strips and pairs of stamps of the 1896 issue of the state of Tolima, Scott numbers 56 to 60 inclusive. These lots include sundry varieties, such as wrong cliche (10c in plate of the 5c and 2p in plate of the 5p) missing numerals, tete beche, lower label inverted, etc. There are also copies of the 2½c No. 46. All that I have seen thus far were imperforate. After careful examination, I am convinced, from the origin as well as the condition of the specimen, that they were reprints made from reassembled stones. The stones have been well cleaned but show signs of wear and the settings are entirely different from known originals. There are also differences in the colors, though some are well matched. It will be necessary in some instances to make comparison with known originals in order to detect the reprints. I am strongly inclined to the opinion that the printing was done by private enterprise."—*Scott's Circular.*

According to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* the following quantities were printed of the latest issue. Perkins Bacon & Co., London, supplied the stamps:—

½c yellow, bust of Caldas,	1,000,000
1c green, statue of Camille Torres,	1,500,000
2c red, state of Narino,	2,500,000
4c green & blue, Gate of Colombia,	10,000
4c orange, statue of Serna Santander,	500,000
4c carmine, facade of the Station at Sabana,	10,000
5c dark blue, statue of Bolivar,	1,250,000
5c black, a postman,	12,000
5c maroon, map of Colombia,	25,000
10c grey, bust of Cordoba,	400,000
10c blue, Falls de Tequendama,	75,000
20c vermilion, Boyaca Bridge,	200,000
50c carmine, view of Cathagena,	75,000
1p bright blue, bust of Sucre,	5,000
2p orange, statue of Rufino Cuervo,	4,000
5p grey, statue of Ricaurte,	1,500
10p sepia, National Arms,	1,000

The 4c green and blue and the 10c blue are intended for use on registered letters; the 4c carmine and the 5c maroon for receipts; and the 5c black for express letters.

GUATEMALA.—E. W. Fuss advises us of a new commemorative issue in a limited edition. His correspondent writes as follows: "I am told by one of the government employees, that on the 15th of March, (date on which the actual president of the Republic, M. Estrada Cabrera, will take possession of his command for six years) a new postage stamp of 25c denomination with his portrait will be issued to celebrate that date, and as on similar occasions, limited numbers will be printed."

ITALIAN COLONIES.—"We translate the following, re the Red Cross stamps of the Italian Colonies, from *Le Bulletin Philatelique.* The Minister of the Posts has just arranged for a new printing of the

15c grey, Red Cross, surch. SOMALIA.
20 on 15c grey, Red Cross, surch. SOMALIA.
15c grey, Red Cross, surch. LIBIA.
15c grey, Red Cross, surch. ERITREA.
20 on 15c grey, Red Cross, surch. ERITREA.

In the month of April, 1916, we received advice from Mogadiscio (Benadir) telling us that they could not forward any Red Cross stamps, since the whole supply had been lost on a torpedoed vessel. This vessel carried a supply for Eritrea, which was also lost. The authorities at Eritrea, it is stated, immediately locally surcharged 20c on a supply of the 15c grey."—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

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(From time to time we have made it known that there is a stamp club at Atlanta, Ga., but evidently the president, Clarendon Bangs, feels that we have not boosted it sufficiently in the WEEKLY. Read what Mr. Bangs says. The envelope referred to is one bearing a reproduction of the famous Mulready design, and the conceit is a happy one.—Ed.)

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By Dr. E. W. Floyd.

Mr. J. E. Lea, of Manchester, has recently shown me some interesting pieces of the early issues of Barbados, and I thought it would be worth while to put these varieties on record.

In Messrs. Bacon & Napier's book on *The Stamps of Barbados*, it is stated that the unwatermarked paper "is entirely without watermark, even the maker's name being omitted. It was made by the same firm that held the contract for supplying the paper for the first One penny and Twopence stamps of Great Britain of which stamps Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. were themselves the printers. The paper used for the Barbados stamps was identical in every respect with that of these two early stamps of Great Britain, save that it was unwatermarked and the sheets of both countries were of the same size."

I found in Mr. Lea's stock a block of 21 of the 1d deep blue on white paper, imperf. This shows part of a watermark T. H. Saun, evidently part of the name T. H. Saunders. Mr. Lea also showed me a large mint block of the ½d deep green, rough perf. watermarked in similar type (i. e., double outline letters) Morbey & Saunders 1840.

The first issue of Great Britain were printed on paper manufactured by Messrs. Stacy Wise of the Rush Mills.

This part sheet of the halfpenny stamps is on paper much narrower than the British paper, as the margins are very small and the sheets are of eleven horizontal runs of ten stamps, whilst the British are twenty rows of twelve stamps. The majority of the stamps of these issues are on a thin paper, and when mint almost transparent with smooth, shiny gum of a slightly yellowish tint. The 1d imperf. from the watermarked piece are on a thick paper with smooth shiny gum, but the ½d stamps are on a thick paper with dull, rough white gum. The shade of these ½d stamps is a deepish blue-green, and the printing has a peculiar "worn plate" appearance, so that these stamps can be told at once by this. I have seen four or five blocks (not from the same sheet) and only one was watermarked. I have not seen a used copy.

Apparently Messrs. Perkins, Bacon must have run short of unwatermarked paper and used up at some time some odd sheets in their possession. Mr. Bacon informs me that Mr. T. H. Saunders succeeded Messrs. Morley & Saunders, and a note in Stanley Gibbons Catalogue has been pointed out to me by Mr. Lea after No. 63 in Ceylon: "The 'no watermark' stamps were printed on paper having the paper maker's name and date, 'T. H. Saunders, 1862' across the sheet." My block of the 1d Barbados ends at the "N" of Saunders, so it may also have had a date.—*London Philatelist.*

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Referring to a consignment of war tax postage stamps the following information is given:—

"The consignment advised we hardly expected to arrive so soon, but it reached us the day after writing the article.

Fortunately we received therein a number of the 1d and 3d plate 1. A later post brought us a letter explaining the reason why our order could not be executed in full, which was that a new supply of the 1d was required. This means the 1d is exhausted and we are of the opinion the 3d is also.

No one had had the 3d plate 1. No one had seen it except ourselves, and possibly we hold all that exist of this.

The episode of the Virgin Is. War Stamp first issue is indeed an extraordinary one, Neither of the old stocks of plate 1 are in a sense ordinary. The 1d is carmine, the first shade, and the 3d is not the ordinary yellow but the trial make of lemon-yellow paper with chrome speckles showing—as described by *The Colonial Journal*.

Of the four varieties, three are undoubtedly good items which will rank amongst the scarcest of the War Stamp issues. The 1d scarlet from plate 5 has also the chance of being of value above the ordinary.

Revised chronicle.
Oct.-Dec., 1916. War Tax Postage.
1d carmine, plate 1.
3d purple on lemon yellow, trial paper, plate 1.
1d scarlet, plate 5.
3d deep purple on lemon, plate 5."

CLAIMS AGAINST W. E. COBURN.

Are there any outstanding claims against W. E. Coburn, Everett, Mass.? We have tried to adjust all that have been brought to our notice, and if we have missed fire a further word will receive prompt attention. Some dealers have strange ideas regarding building up a stamp business.

NOAH AND THE PARCEL POST.

When Noah and a few close friends began to build the Ark in the old Babylonian town of Shuruppek, it now appears that their idle hours were regaled by the benefits of a circulating library, says a Philadelphia dispatch to the New York *Herald*. This, taken with the fact that a parcel post system was working beautifully in the vicinity of Nippur, made the work one of the pleasantest little shipbuilding achievements ever pulled off in the old world.

Complete proof of these satisfactory features of existence in those days has been found in a map now in the Pennsylvania University museum. It is the result of a cadastral survey of the district in and around Nippur. Two tags accompany the map, both of which were used for shipping purposes. One of the tags was used to send a basket of books up stream in 1500 B. C., and the other was used for fast ferryboat mails from Nippur to Shuruppek.

The map gives no end of information regarding the lay of the land and the attitude of the people toward many things. For instance, in the allotments of fields it is clear that the priests of the temple had large and well-located plots, while the king had a small one which might very well be covered with water at high tide.

One of the laws of Hamurabi not heretofore understood is made clear by the maps. The order that shepherds bring in all sheep when "the horn blew" was always considered a bit rough on those sheep chasers who lived further away than the horn could be heard. The map shows that the villages were so close together that a sneeze could be detected in at least twenty of them without difficulty.

The map is said to be the oldest, and is certainly one of the newsiest, now extant.

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	UNITED STATES POSTAGE.	Good.	Fine
1847,	5c red brown	$1.75	$2.50
	5c red brown on cover	2.25	3.00
	5c red brown, bargain	.90	..
	5c red br., bargain on cover	1.25	..
	10c black	4.00	5.00
	10c black on cover	5.00	6.00
	10c black, bargain	2.00	..
	10c black, bargain on cover	2.50	..
1851,	1c blue, type 2 or 4	.45	.60
	1c blue, type 2 or 4, on cover	.60	.75
	1c blue, type 2 or 4, bargain	.20	..
	1c blue, type 2 or 4, bargain on cover	.35	..
	1c blue, type 2 or 4, pair	1.25	1.50
	1c blue, type 2 or 4, str. of 3	2.00	2.50
	1c blue, type 2 or 4, strip of 3 on cover	2.25	2.75
	3c dull red	.03	.05
	3c dull red on cover	.06	.10
	5c red brown	6.00	8.00
	10c green, type 1	.85	1.10
	10c green, type 1 on cover	1.10	1.40
	10c green, type 1, bargain	.50	..
	10c green, type 1 bargain on cover	.75	..
	12c black	1.40	1.75
	12c black, bargain	.80	..
1857,	1c blue, type 2	.60	.80
	1c blue, type 2 on cover	.75	1.00
	1c blue, type 2, bargain	.30	..
	1c blue, type 2, bargain on cover	.45	..
	1c blue, type 3	.12	.16
	1c blue, type 3 on cover	.15	.20
	1c blue, type 3, pair	.35	.45
	1c blue, type 3, strip of 3	.60	.75
	1c blue, type 3, strip of 3 on cover	.75	.90
	1c blue, type 4	2.50	3.50
	1c blue, type 4, on cover	3.00	4.00
	1c blue, type 4, bargain	1.25	..
	3c rose, type 1	.12	.20
	3c rose, type 1, on cover	.15	.25
	3c dull red, type 2 on cover	.04	.06
	5c brick red, type 1	5.00	7.50
	5c red brown, type 1	4.00	6.50
	5c brown, type 1	3.00	4.00
	5c orange brown, type 2	3.00	4.00
	5c orange brown, type 3	3.00	4.00
	10c dark green, type 1	.65	.85
	10c dark grn., type 1 on cover	.90	1.10
	10c dark grn., type 1, bargain	.35	..
	10c dark green, type 1, Bargain on cover	.50	..
	10c dark green, type 2	.40	.50
	10c dark green, type 2 on cover	.55	.75
	10c dark green, type 2, Bargain	.20	..
	10c dark green, type 2, Bargain on cover	.35	..
	12c black	1.10	1.35
	12c black, Bargain	.50	..
	24c lilac	2.50	3.00
	30c orange	4.00	5.00
1861,	1c blue	.12	.15
	1c blue, strip of 3 on cover	.75	1.00
	3c pink	4.00	5.00
	3c pink on cover	5.00	7.00
	3c pink, Bargain	2.00	..
	3c rose, on cover	.02	.03
	5c buff	4.25	5.25
	10c yellow green	.15	.20
	10c yellow green on cover	.25	.35
	12c black	.60	.75
	12c black, Bargain	.30	..
	24c red lilac	1.10	1.35
	24c red lilac, Bargain	.60	..
	30c orange	.75	1.00
	90c blue	2.50	3.50
	90c blue, Bargain	1.50	..
1862,	2c black	.07	.12
	5c red brown	2.00	2.50
	5c brown	.50	.75
	5c brown, Bargain	.25	..
	15c black	.50	.70
	15c black, Bargain	.25	..
	24c lilac	.50	.70
	24c lilac, Bargain	.25	..
1867,	1c blue, 11x13	1.00	1.35
	1c blue, 11x13, Bargain	.50	..
	2c black, 11x13	.20	.30
	3c rose, 11x13	.05	.07
	10c green, 11x13	.65	.90
	10c green, Bargain	.35	..
	2c black, 9x13	.10	.15
	3c red, 9x13	.02	.03
	5c brown, 9x13	3.00	3.75
	10c yellow green, 9x13	.50	.70
	10c yellow grn., 9x13, Bargain	.25	..
	12c black, 9x13	.60	.75
	12c black, 9x13, Bargain	.30	..
	15c black, 9x13	.75	.90
	15c black, 9x13, Bargain	.40	..
	24c gray lilac, 9x13	3.50	4.25
	30c orange, 9x13	2.50	3.00
	90c blue, 9x13	6.50	8.00
1869,	1c buff	.50	.65
	1c buff, Bargain	.25	..
	2c brown	.15	.18
	3c blue	.03	.04
	6c blue	.45	.60
	6c blue, Bargain	.25	..
	10c yellow	.70	.90
	10c yellow, Bargain	.35	..
	12c green	.65	.75
	12c green, Bargain	.30	..
	15c brown & blue, type 1	2.25	2.75
	15c brown & blue, type 2	.85	1.00
	15c br.& blue, type 2, Bargain	.50	..
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	24c grn. & violet, Bargain	1.75	..
	30c blue & carmine	2.00	2.50
	30c blue & carmine, Bargain	1.00	..
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	90c black & carmine, Bargain	5.00	..

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2801	1c Playing Cards	$1.50	$1.75
2806	2c Certificate blue	.30	.35
2807	2c Certificate orange	.25	.30
2811	2c Playing Cards, orange	.25	.30
2813	2c Proprietary, orange	.65	.75
2816	3c Playing Cards	3.00	3.75
2818	3c Telegraph	.12	.15
2820	4c Playing Cards	4.00	5.00
2827	5c Playing Cards	.30	.40
2828	5c Proprietary	.50	.60
2834	10c Foreign Exchange	.18	.22
2837	10c Proprietary	.17	.20
2838	15c Foreign Exchange	.30	.35
2840	20c Foreign Exchange	.50	.60
2848	25c Protest	.12	.15
2849	25c Warehouse Receipt	.30	.35
2850	30c Foreign Exchange	1.10	1.25
2855	50c Foreign Exchange	.25	.30
2856	50c Lease	.20	.25
2861	50c Probate of Will	.35	.40
2871	$1.00 Manifest	.30	.35
2872	$1.00 Mortgage	1.50	1.75
2873	$1.00 Passage Ticket	3.00	3.50
2875	$1.00 Probate of Will	.60	.70
2876	$1.30 Foreign Exchange	.37	.45
2878	$1.60 Foreign Exchange	1.00	1.25
2879	$1.90 Foreign Exchange	.50	.60
2882	$2.00 Probate of Will	.50	.60
2886	$3.50 Inland Exchange	.75	.85
2887	$5.00 Charter Party	.15	.18
2888	$5.00 Conveyance	.12	.15
2889	$5.00 Manifest	1.25	1.50
2890	$5.00 Mortgage	.55	.60
2891	$5.00 Probate of Will	.45	.55
2892	$10.00 Charter Party	.55	.66
2893	$10.00 Conveyance	1.00	1.25
2894	$10.00 Mortgage	.55	.65
2895	$10.00 Probate of Will	.45	.55
2896	$15.00 Mortgage	3.00	3.50
2897	$20.00 Conveyance	1.00	1.25
2899	$25.00 Mortgage	2.25	2.50
2900	$50.00 U. S. I. R.	2.25	2.75
2901	$200.00 U. S. I. R.	8.00	9.00
2903	1c blue and black	.37	.45
2905	3c blue and black	.25	.30
2906	4c blue and black	.30	.35
2908	6c blue and black	1.00	1.25
2910	15c blue and black	.25	.30
2911	20c blue and black	.12	.15
2913	30c blue and black	.40	.45
2914	40c blue and black	.30	.35
2916	60c blue and black	.40	.45
2917	70c blue and black	.40	.45
2919	$1.30 blue and black	2.50	3.00
2920	$1.50 blue and black	.15	.20
2921	$1.60 blue and black	7.25	8.50
2922	$1.90 blue and black	1.60	2.00
2923	$2.00 blue and black	.30	.35
2924	$2.50 blue and black	.20	.25
2925	$3.00 blue and black	.65	.75
2926	$3.50 blue and black	2.50	3.00
2927	$5.00 blue and black	.40	.45
2928	$10.00 blue and black	1.50	1.75
2929	$20.00 blue and black	8.50	10.00
2930	$25.00 blue and black	12.00	13.50
2931	$50.00 blue and black	7.00	8.00

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2944	1c black and claret	.75	.90
2946	4c black and brown	.50	.60
2948	6c black and orange	.50	.60
2949	15c black and brown	.25	.35
2950	30c black and orange	.25	.30
2951	40c black and brown	.40	.50
2952	60c black and orange	.40	.50
2953	70c black and green	.40	.50
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2956	$2.50 black and claret	.25	.30
2957	$3.00 black and green	.75	.90
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2959	$10.00 black and green	1.50	1.75
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200	*5c green	.65	.80
	5c green	.50	.60
	5c green on cover	.60	.75
	5c green, Bargain, on cover	.30	..
201	*10c blue	.90	1.10
	10c blue	.75	.90
	10c blue on cover	.90	1.10
	10c blue, Bargain on cover	.45	..
203	*5c blue	.65	.80
	5c blue	.60	.70
	5c blue ON COVER	.75	.90
	5c blue, Bargain, on cover	.40	..
204	10c rose	2.00	2.35
	10c rose on cover	2.50	3.25
	10c rose, Bargain on cover	1.25	..
205	*5c blue, London print	.12	.15
	5c blue, London print	.12-.15	.15
	5c blue, London print, pair	.30	.40
	5c blue, London print on cover	.15	.20
	5c blue, London print pair on cover	.40	.50
206	*5c blue, Local print	.12	.15
	5c blue, Local print	.12	.15
	5c blue, Local print, pair	.30	.40
	5c blue, Local print on cov.	.15	.20
	5c blue, Local print pair on cover	.40	.50
207	*2c brown red	.25	.30
	2c brown red	1.50	2.00
	2c brown red on cover	3.00	4.00
210	*10c blue	.05	.06
	10c blue	.08	.10
	10c blue on cover	.13	.20
211	*10c blue	.05	.06
	10c blue	.05	.06
	10c blue on cover	.10	.15
212	*20c green	.30	.40

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

CHAPTER I.

Introduction.

The postage stamps of the Danish West Indies which bounded into popularity about seventeen years ago when it was expected the islands would come into the possession of the United States, have again come in for general attention now that it has been finally decided that Old Glory shall be their flag in place of the ancient cross of Denmark. While the importance of St. Thomas as a naval station, especially to this country, is obvious, commercially the islands have been at a low ebb for many years past.

The Danish West Indies comprise St. Thomas and St. John, two islands of the Virgin Islands group and St. Croix or Santa Cruz, situated to the south-east of Porto Rico. Before they became dependencies of Denmark they were at different times in the possession of Great Britain and Holland jointly, of Great Britain alone, of Spain, of France, of the Order of Malta and of the French West India Company, so that like most of the islands in the group we generally speak of as the West Indies, they have had a somewhat chequered career.

The "International Geography" says:—"They were once under cultivation to a considerable extent, but they are now almost bare, only covered with a scrubby vegetation consisting mainly of latana or sage brush, from amidst which the ruins of plantations can here and there be discerned. But although once largely supplied with plantations, their old prosperity was perhaps more due to the fact that when the other nations ruling the West Indies were at war, Denmark remained strictly neutral. St. Thomas, with its commodious land-locked harbour, was a free port, and as such reaped to the full its remarkable advantages of position. Pirates, privateers, men-of-war and merchant vessels of all nations met within its harbour in peace and safety, and obtained supplies from its traders. Of late years, however, St. Thomas has very much declined, and is now little more than a port of call. The area of the island is twenty-three square miles, and its population 12,000, most of whom live in the capital, Charlotte Amalie, which is also the capital of the Danish West Indies. St. John has an area of forty-two square miles, but a population of only 900. The island, in fact, is virtually ruined. Santa Cruz or St. Croix, is the largest of the Danish West Indies, with an area of seventy-four square miles. Once noted for its plantations, it has much diminished in the output of sugar, rum, and molasses. The capital is Christiansted."

The island of Santa Cruz was discovered by Columbus on his second voyage, and was first occupied by the Spanish, then by English adventurers and French buccaneers. The island was ceded by France to the Danish West India Company by the treaty of 1733, but was occupied by the English from 1807 to 1815, and English is the language still mostly used there.

Until fairly late in the 'sixties St. Thomas was the centre of a vast traffic, being, though Danish, the station for the British Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's trade to and from the West Indies. To St. Thomas, for many years, passengers and freight to and from Europe were conveyed as the starting point for their final destination. Large and powerful steamers, plying between Southampton and St. Thomas, carried passengers and goods across the Atlantic, and at St. Thomas an intercolonial service, under the authority of the same company, transported them to their respective destinations. At one time as many as six steamers were constantly employed in thus carrying to and from the port of the Southampton steamers.

A glance at the map will show why St. Thomas was chosen, in preference to any of the British islands for the mail service. It lies at the northernmost point of any of the islands, Anegada excepted, and was well adapted, not only for the reception and departure of the trans-Atlantic steamers, but also as the trysting-place of the colonial steamers whose farthest points lie equidistant from the island. This excellent position, combined with its commodious harbour, made it

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About 1867, however, the glory of the island waned rapidly. Yellow fever, probably imported from some of the southern islands, became a terrible scourge and in consequence of it the Royal Mail Company's depot was removed. The fever stayed until a dreadful hurricane, spreading death and disaster in its train, blew it away. At the same time an enormous floating dock, recently built, sunk in deep water and other misfortunes followed in rapid succession. It was about this time (1868) that the sale of the islands to the United States was first mooted and matters progressed sufficiently for the sum of twelve millions of rix-dollars to be named as the price Denmark would accept. Negotiations fell through, however, and it was not until about 1901 that the purchase of the islands by Uncle Sam was again seriously entertained. Matters progressed so far on that occasion that a treaty of sale was duly signed on January 1st, 1902, and ratified by the Senate on the following February 17th, but when it was submitted to the Danish Parliament the sale was opposed by the patriotic party and the treaty was rejected on October 22nd of the same year.

The recent acquisition of these islands by the United States is a matter too fresh in the minds of our readers to require further mention, though at the time of writing these notes, it has not been definitely decided how they are to be named. The "United States West Indies" is the name most generally favored and will probably be finally adopted.

Articles on the Stamps of the Danish West Indies are few and far between and with the exception of an erudite article from the pen of Mr. L. Hanciau, in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly* for the year 1909, most of the references will be found in the new issue records of the various philatelic journals.

CHAPTER II.

Its Postal and Philatelic History.

The postal history of these islands may be said to date from the year of Queen Victoria's accession (1837) when the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company selected the island of St. Thomas for the site of a depot or rendezvous for the various steamships which that company employed for the conveyance of the mails between Europe and America. By direct authority from the Danish Government this company also established a Postal Agency at St. Thomas for the superintendence of the mails brought by its steamers, and it received a subsidy from the British Government for this service.

All the *foreign* correspondence, either originating in or addressed to the Danish West Indian islands was then despatched through the British Agency at St. Thomas, whilst the *inland* correspondence of these islands was dealt with by the chief clerks of the Customs Department at Christiansted and Frederickstead (St. Croix), at Charlotte-Amelia (St. Thomas), and at Grand Cay of Cruxbay (St. John). So far as can be judged from the scant records now available it would appear that all inland correspondence, the postage of which was paid in cash, was conveyed under official cover which was not, however, subject to any special charge.

In 1855, in accordance with a Royal Decree, dated July 10th, the Colonial Government ordained the establishment of post offices at Christiansted, Frederickstead, St. Thomas and St. John and the issue of a 3 cents postage stamp for the franking of letters sent from one office to another. When the letters were not franked with stamps a charge of 4 cents was made.

This one lone value sufficed for the needs of the islands until 1872, when a 4 cents stamp was ordered and this was placed in issue in January, 1873.

At the request of the Postmaster-General it was resolved, in May 1873, to change the design of the Danish West Indies stamps and make them uniform with those of the mother country then current. In September of that year the new 3 and 4 cents stamps were issued and at the same time new values of 1 cent and 14 cents respectively made their appearance. The different rates of postage on foreign letters caused the issue of several new values—7 cents in 1874, 5 and 10 cents in 1876, 12 cents in 1877, and 50 cents in 1879. The 12 cents was issued for use on foreign letters after the colony had joined the Universal Postal Union, and replaced the 14 cents. This latter value was withdrawn from sale and the whole of the remainders (90,158 stamps) were destroyed. Various changes of shade and one of perforation, were made and provisionals were issued, but it was not until 1900 that any change was made in the design of the stamps. In that year 1 and 5 cents stamps were issued in a design corresponding to the 1882 type for Denmark and in colors conforming to the Postal Union regulations.

In 1902 provisional 2 and 8 cents stamps were issued followed by regular stamps of corresponding denominations in the new type.

In 1905 a new currency was introduced, the immediate outcome of which was the issue of an entirely new series followed by a few unnecessary provisionals. The accession of King Frederick VIII resulted in the issue of a set of stamps bearing his portrait in 1908, and in 1915, stamps with King Christian X's effigy appeared.

In 1871, under a convention arranged between the Government of Denmark and that of Germany, a regular service was established by the line of steamers of the Hamburg-American Steam Packet Company, between the Danish West Indies (office at St. Thomas), Germany (offices at Hamburg and via Verviers-Cologne), and Denmark (office at Korsor-kiel). This arrangement lasted until the 1st September, 1877, and then came to an end on the entry of the Danish West Indies into the Postal Union. Special stamps were issued by the Hamburg-American Company for this service in 1876, and these ceased to be employed from St. Thomas from the 1st of September, 1878.

There was also a postal service between St. Thomas and La Guayra and Porto Cabello by the steamer *Robert Todd,* and between those cities and Curacao by the steamer *Honfleur.* These services were suppressed in 1875 or 1876, and the special stamps issued by the companies to which the steamers belonged, became obsolete at the same date. Correspondence with Curacao

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CHAPTER III.

The First Issue.

The Royal Decree under which stamps for the Danish West Indies were first introduced is a somewhat lengthy document of 21 articles, which was published in English as well as Danish. Although it makes provision for the mailing of all sorts of articles and gives a full tariff of charges for almost every conceivable postal need, only one stamp was issued by means of which postage could be prepaid and this is referred to in a very cursory manner in Article 2 viz:—

"The postage of single letters shall be 4 cents, unless post-stamps are affixed to them; these stamps to be sold by the post-department, at the rate of 3 cents apiece for a single letter, or $2.75 for 100 stamps.

Letters weighing one Danish Lod (half an ounce) or less, shall be considered as single letters."

This Decree was dated July 10th, 1855, and it was ordered that its various provisions should come into force four months later.

The 3 cents stamp, which served the postal needs of Denmark's West Indian possessions for seventeen years, was very similar in design to the then current 4 skilling stamp of the mother country. In the centre are the emblems of royalty (crossed sceptre and sword surmounted by a royal crown) on a ground of solid color within a circular wreath of oak leaves. This, in turn, is enclosed within a rectangular frame inscribed "POST" at the top, "3 CENTS" at the foot, "K. G. L." at left, and "F. R. M" at right. The spandrels are filled with a dotted ground and in each of the four corners are small posthorns set diagonally. The side inscriptions are an abbreviation for "Kongeligt Freimaerke" meaning "Royal" and a "free stamp" respectively.





The design measures about 19 mm. square, the original die being engraved on steel by Mr. A. Buntzen, who engraved the die for the Danish stamps of similar type. As the design is so like that of the Danish stamps of 1853-64, and the stamps were printed at the Royal Printing House in Copenhagen it might be imagined that the die was reproduced from that originally engraved for the stamps of Denmark. A careful examination will reveal many small differences which prove quite satisfactorily that an entirely new die was engraved.

The stamps were printed in sheets of one hundred arranged in ten rows of ten, and they were watermarked with a device consisting of a small crown. The sheets were also watermarked "KGL. POST-FRMK" in the margins on each of the four sides, with a crown in each of the upper corners, and with a post-horn in each of the lower angles.

The stamps were issued imperforate and the early supplies were sent out to the Colony ungummed. Gum was applied locally before the stamps were placed on sale. At first a very deep brown gum (which usually discolors the stamps) was applied, this being obtained from F. Benzon, a chemist at St. Croix.

About 1860 a dark yellow gum was used, this being supplied by another St. Croix chemist named Rüse, while in 1867 a white gum was applied at Copenhagen before the stamps were shipped to the West Indies. These gum varieties are all well defined and can be distinguished without trouble.

As a precaution against counterfeiting the paper, in addition to being watermarked was first of all printed with a burelé pattern in pale yellow, and Mr. Hanciau states that secret marks may be found as on the corresponding stamps of Denmark, viz:—

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This stamp is occasionally found rouletted and though this is listed in Gibbons' catalogue as a separate issue under date "Oct. 1871" it is generally conceded that the rouletting is entirely unofficial and there appears to be no evidence sufficiently reliable as to assign these stamps to any specific date during the period of their currency. All we can say for certain is that they must have been used later than 1867 for the rouletted stamps are always with white gum.

(To be continued.)

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NATIONAL IMPORTING CO.

We feel compelled to give the information that has come to hand, and we do so without prejudice. Geo. C. Ginn & Co. of London, Eng., has just sent us a draft on C. B. Richard & Co., N. Y. City, by the National Importing Co. of San Jose, Costa Rica. The draft was returned from our bank marked "No funds" and a letter to Richard & Co. confirms the facts. As we go to press a second draft comes from Theodore Champion, Paris, France. The two drafts both bear the same date, Jan. 27, 1917.

JAPAN BUYS MACAO FROM PORTUGAL.

BERLIN, March 26.—The purchase by Japan from Portugal of the Island of Macao is reported in the Portuguese press. The island of Macao is on the west side of the entrance to the Canton River, seventy miles southeast of Canton and thirty-five miles west of Hong Kong. With some neighboring small islands, Macao forms a province with a population of about 80,000.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

THE BICOLORED STAMPS OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

By J. MURRAY BARTELS.

There are few countries offering a more fertile field for absolutely satisfying philatelic study than the issues of our recent acquisition from Denmark in the West Indies. At first sight it might appear to be a complicated subject, but it is not so very difficult for after slight practice it is peculiar to note how the only seemingly puzzling feature really becomes an actually easy matter. This refers to the differentiating of the various printings of the bi-colored issue with numerals in center, in use from 1873 to 1900 and in two cases till 1905.





Some fifteen years ago the writer took up this subject and formed an extensive collection of stamps of the Danish West Indies which since then has been awarded medals at Berlin, Amsterdam, Paris and New York. With no literature on the subject it was a somewhat difficult matter to get much information. The philatelic markets of all countries were searched for unused and used copies and soon considerable material had been accumulated. It was not always easy to secure the desired year dated copies, especially in the earlier printings as most of them were cancelled with mute concentric circles. However, even here sufficient material was found to place all printings in their proper order and to fix approximately the year of issue. In this respect there is still need for further study and not unlikely that a few of the printings may have been issued a year or two earlier than given in this list, as not many dated copies could be found in some cases.

A few general remarks on the issue under discussion will assist the collector materially. The early printings all appear on thin paper, later ones came on medium thick and then on still thicker paper, as was the case with the corresponding issues of Denmark. The perforation was 14x13½ or 13½ until 1896 when it was changed to 12½ or 13. The first printing in each case is clear and bold, which we might call a fine job, but later the sharp and clear outlines especially of the frame work are generally not quite so distinct.

But few records pertaining to the quantities of each printing are available, however, supplies generally lasted from a year and a half to four years in each case. In two instances it seems that the stamps must have stuck together in transit and had to be soaked apart. These, therefore, do not exist with the original gum (3c 6th printing, 10c 5th printing). A small supply was evidently regummed locally, but a stock of each remained on hand for years and was still on sale after the perf. 12½ stamps had been issued. Being considered undesirable, they were laid aside and new supplies ordered.

One printing each of the 1, 3, 5 and 10c appear in a glossy ink (1893-98) and are thereby readily distinguished from the others. There is also a rather bold strong impression of each of the same values between 1882 and 1887 which seems to be more of a flat print than the others. These two peculiarities appear also in the stamps of the mother country of that same period.

The Scott Catalogue could hardly be expected to go into all the printings, but lists a number of shades. Years ago, under the old management of the company, the writer had a long discussion with the cataloguers, after which they selected what to them appeared the most marked shades and listed these in the catalogue. The net selling prices of that particular printing were accepted as the catalogue value for the shades as named and there has been no change made for about fifteen years. In the list which follows we have generally added the current Scott number for reference.

Varieties:

1c.—Beginning with the first printing there is an extra white line in the center of the C of CENT which occurs several times in the sheet, at least once also in two adjoining stamps.

3c.—Once in each sheet (No. 78) there is a long white dash or pointed arrow, to the left of the crown running from the center circle to the S above it. This is a very marked variety and naturally rather scarce.

7c.—The length of the smaller 7 is not always the same, but this variation is of little importance and hardly worth collecting.

10c.—Eight times in the sheet, at least in the later printings, there is a period between the T and S of CENTS. Sometimes this is larger than the one after the S, but it is also found rather indistinct. We have not seen it in the first two printings, but later it appeared on Nos. 11, 25, 30, 61, 70, 82, 92, 94 in the sheet.

Some of the printings are unknown in blocks of four and it would seem safe to state that none exist in this country nor in any other large collection at least none have ever been publicly exhibited in numerous cases. Even single unused stamps are in several instances very rare and hard to obtain.

Close acquantaince with all prominent D. W. I. collections in this country and several of the best in Europe makes possible the compilation of a useful reference list in regard to the relative scarcity of the different printings unused in blocks and singles, as well as used copies.

Those preceded by an asterisk are unknown in blocks, while in several other cases only one or two such blocks have been recorded. Beginning with the scarcest printing the order of rarity is as follows:

1c Blocks *2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 9, 8, 7, 6.
Unused 2, 3, 1, 5, 4, 7, 6, 8, 9.
Used 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 9.
3c Blocks *4, *3, 2, 1, 8, 5, 7, 6.
Unused 4, 3, 2, 1, 5, 7, 6, 8.
Used 2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7.
4c Blocks or unused 1, 2, 3.
Used 3, 1, 2.
5c Blocks 2, 1, 5, 6, 3, 4.
Unused 2, 1, 5, 3, 6, 4.
Used 3, 1, 2, 5, 4, 6.
7c Blocks or unused 1, 2.
Used 2, 1.
10c Blocks *2, 1, 3, 6, 4, 5.
Unused 2, 4, 3, 1, 6, 5.
Used 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6.
12c Unused 1, 2, Used 1, 2.
50c Unused 2, 1, Used 2, 1.

The various printings are designated in Roman type. The first color mentioned refers to the frame, the second to the oval center. Perforation 14x13½.

1 Cent, Sept., 1873-1898.

Thin Paper.

I. 1873.—Green and dull lilac. Very clear and distinct impression showing all details of the design. Smooth finish giving stamp an almost shiny appearance. Smooth, slightly brownish gum. (Scott 1917 No. 5c.)

II. 1877 (or before).—Pale green and dull lilac. Less of a reddish tint in the latter than in any other printing. The inner thin horizontal frame line at bottom appears more or less broken under oval. Green portion less strongly printed and less yellow green than VI which it resembles slightly. Brownish gum, almost smooth. The rarest of the 1c, especially unused. Blocks unknown.

III. 1878.—Dark green and brownish red lilac. Generally heavy impression of the frame, the only one resembling a bluish green. Quite distinct from any other printing. Crackly yellowish gum. (Scott 5a.)

Medium Thick Paper.

IV. 1882.—Pale yellow green and pale reddish lilac. Both impressions are very light, having apparently a faded impression. Resembling II nearer than other printings, but lilac much lighter. Smooth yellow gum. Blocks are very rare. This

stamp was used diagonally bisected in 1882, but is a rarity. The writer has seen two copies.

V. 1887.—Light green and violet red. In this printing the design stands out boldly, especially the center, which is a strong clear impression. The paper seems slightly thicker than in IV and VI. Smooth yellowish gum. Resembles no other printing closely.

VI. 1889.—Yellow green and reddish lilac. Border impression light but distinct. Quite smooth impression. Lilac resembles VIII. Smooth yellowish gum. Paper medium to thick. (Scott 5b.)

Thick Paper.

VII. 1892.—Bright yellow green and dull red (sometimes called the "claret"). Border impression varies from light to heavy, but color of same is uniform, approaching VIII and IX, but the latter is generally paler. Smooth yellowish gum. (Scott No. 5d.)

VIII. 1893.—Bright yellow green and reddish lilac. Rather heavy printing. The green is a glossy ink, making this printing very distinct from the others. Crackly yellowish gum.

IX. 1896.—Pale yellow green and brown red. Generally a rather pale shade of both colors, though border comes heavily printed. The brown red color is quite distinct from other printings. The commonest of all. (Scott No. 5.)

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The interest of the Managing Editor in match and medicine stamps prompts him to call attention to the various advertisements of George J. Carter scattered through this issue. Our interest in these stamps was aroused by a special number of the WEEKLY issued many years ago, and in the growing popularity of revenues, match and medicines are coming into their own. Our stamps are mounted in a Carter album and its illustrations make this side-line of our hobby a source of instruction and pleasure Get in touch with Carter.

The quarter page advertisement announcing the Drew auction sale is an "important announcement" indeed. The collection of Mr. Conant of Portland, Me., represents the type of old collection that is occasionally broken up, affording an opportunity for the securing of stamps that are seldom if ever advertised. Mr. Drew features this important sale and it is bound to attract attention.

We have frequently called attention to the value of the columns of the WEEKLY in the matter of low prices quoted. There is no better way to buy stamps than to patronize our columns. The half page advertisement of the Edmond Stamp Co. well illustrates the thought that we seek to convey. Here is a firm closing out its stock of stamps and offering the same at prices that will command patronage. We cannot object to the use of a big discount display line when the stamps are named and described as in this advertisement.

The stress of war has been manifested in the stamp business, yet notwithstanding the difficulties in correspondence Hugo Griebert has maintained his new issue service during the nearly three years of the war. His quarter page announcement this week gives every indication that he does not intend to shut up shop so far as American business is concerned. Not only has Mr. Griebert been with us regularly, all through these past months, but also W. T. Wilson, Leonard Brand, Bright & Son and Bridger & Kay.

A ROYAL BIT OF BOOSTING.

It is seldom the WEEKLY has occasion to acknowledge such a splendid piece of work as recently done by the Detroit Stamp Co., 99 Belmont Av., Detroit, Mich. Carl F. Binder, the manager of the company, has just sent in a batch of eleven new six months' subscriptions, and all eleven subscribers are located in Detroit. These names were received too late to be included in the totals announced elsewhere in this issue, but they will be included in the next summary.

Our thanks to Mr. Binder, who writes: "Herewith a few new subscriptions. We are writing to assure you that altho at the present time we are not advertising with you we still wish to let you know that we will not be wanting in support of the WEEKLY. We consider it a good paper doing the best it can for philately."

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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EDITORIAL.

Ours—Now that the Danish West Indies are really our own, we take the means of a special number of the WEEKLY to celebrate the historic event of annexation. However, the declaration that the United States had acquired the islands is by no means a novel one, as in the past, we have utilized the annexation of the islands as justification of many a congratulatory expression in the paper. On this occasion, we are out of the woods and so may gleefully record our satisfaction, speaking as a philatelist, at the happy ending of a story that has dragged along its interest for a good many years.

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Delay—If our words that were prepared on past assurances that the annexation of the islands was almost an accomplished fact lost their point on account of the dilatory tactics of one or both governments, we could stand the disappointment because it did not cost us anything. It was different with our country. In 1902, the price put on the islands by the Danish government was $5,000,000, an amount less than that offered for the islands in 1865 by Secretary Seward of Lincoln's cabinet, who bid $7,500,000. The right, title and interest in the islands have passed to the United States now, in consideration of the amount of $25,000,000 paid to Denmark. Though delays have proved expensive in this instance, they have not been dangerous.

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Stamps—Through its stamps shall the collector know them; and for the past fifteen years or so, the stamps of the islands have been studied thoroughly as their merits deserve and because of the manifest destiny of the islands to become a part of this country. The philatelist knows much more about our newest possessions than folks in general do; and many of us cannot get out of mind, the description of the Danish West Indies in the album, "consisting of St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, etc." We may add that every one of the fifty islands that are included in our purchase is welcomed. The stamps of the Danish West Indies become even more intimate to the collector in this country by reason of their new estate as representing a colony of the United States.

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Poole—Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole, once of Los Angeles, California, stopped at Chicago for nearly a week on his way to Philadelphia, the new scene of his philatelic endeavors. Mr. Poole was visited by many of the Chicago collectors who were regaled with a sight of many fine stamps. We may add that we shall have something to say of the opinions and predictions of Mr. Poole, one of the foremost philatelic students of the times in the next issue of the paper.

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Truth—The member who was to exhibit his stamp collection as the entertainment at a meeting of the local club arose and said: "Before I open my album, I want to say a few words. I know that it is presumptuous of me to exhibit my poor little lot when so many of the members could make a much better showing. You will see that my collection is relatively small and somewhat ordinary." It was.

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Variations—A subscriber writes: "In your issue of March 10th, 1917, the Bahamas five pence, special delivery stamp is advertised by ..... at 40c; by ..... at 25c and I bought four in Chicago at 13c each. How much is this stamp really worth?" This question does not allow of a definite answer. The price of the stamp may be said not to be stabilized as yet. Certain reports about the stamp gave it speculative possibilities and consequently a price in keeping. We know that the Bahamas five pence special delivery was not supplied to all new issue services, the explanation being that the supply was limited. We got in touch with the Chicago dealer who sold the stamps for 13c and heard him say that his price really had no bearing in this case on the real value of the stamp as he said that to patrons of his new issue service he gave the stamps at a moderate advance over face and at the very time he charged non-customers twenty cents. This dealer got the stamps direct from the Bahamas from a special correspondent there who told of the "limited supply" of the stamp. Circumstances alter cases and consequently, prices, when it comes to new issues that are off the beaten track in these tense days. As to these novelties the collector does not know whether to wait and get left, or buy at once at the prevailing price,—and get left.

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Ancient—Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz, Madison, Wisconsin, writes: "I was reading a translation of the 'Life of Augustus,' written by Tranquillus C. Suetonius and published in 120 A. D., and ran across a paragraph relating to the postal service in the Empire that interested me greatly. It follows: Paragraph 47. 'In order to obtain the earliest intelligence of what was passing in the provinces, he (Augustus) established posts, consisting at first of young men stationed at moderate distances along the military roads and afterwards of regular couriers with fast vehicles, which appeared to him the most commodious because the persons who were bearers of despatches, written on the spot, might then be questioned about the business, as occasion occurred'."

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Keen—Our correspondent, Mr. Hugh C. Barr, who is traveling through South America, is now in Chile after having spent some time in Argentine Republic and Uruguay, where philatelic conditions were such as to emphasize the conclusions that he had reached in a previous letter to the effect that these republics were in a high state of philatelic cultivation. Several of the large cities of Chile are known for their large percentage of philatelic population and Americans who have had the opportunity to feel the philatelic pulse of that country say that it beats free and full. In other words, about the most unpromising place to buy early Chilean stamps is in Chilean cities and it is truly to be said that the stamps are with honor in their own country.

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Pictured—In the pictorial preserves in the Chicago *Tribune* under the keeping of the artist, King, there is a series shown occasionally with the heading, "It isn't the Original Cost—It's the Upkeep." The other morning, one of the pictures had the label, "For instance, a stamp collection." A mild-eyed lunatic was seated at a desk or table thumbing a stamp book. More albums were on the desk and others were filed under it. Stamps were strewn on the floor and the poor pill was saying: "It cost me 14c for my first 150 and now I'm paying $26 apiece for stamps from Graustark and Ootchamacootch."

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Upwards—The increase in the price of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers which was certified to by the department several months ago may not be the last one to affect these commodities. It is intimated that if conditions become more unfavorable a further boost will have to be made. Thus does the blight of the high cost of living penetrate into the recesses that supposedly were immune from the influence. We do not anticipate an advance in the cost of postage stamps to the public because of the increased price of paper but we do not take the stand that the postal department would not be justified in tacking on a premium. Speaking of the cost of paper, the circumscribed circulation of the stamp papers has its compensation these days!

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CHAPTER XI.—*The Unwatermarked Issue of 1902-8.*

Mr. Mencarini, in his "Note on the Postage Stamps of China," says that "on the 26th May, 1899, the stock of watermarked paper, 110 reams, enough to print about 13 million stamps, was forwarded to Messrs. Waterlow and Sons to print on without regard to the stamps fitting the watermark, after the exhaustion of which paper the stamps were to be printed on plain paper. These stamps were printed from the same dies [*plates*] as, and were similarly perforated and issued simultaneously with the watermarked issue, from 1902, as stocks of the earlier imprints were exhausted at the Customs Statistical Department."

Fortunately for those who desire to collect both the watermarked and unwatermarked series in this design, the unwatermarked paper is of a distinctly thicker and more opaque quality than the watermarked, and the design of the stamps cannot usually be seen through it with the facility that the watermarked paper offered. The sizes of the sheets and panes were the same as before, and likewise the perforation. The colors run about the same except for the 5 cent stamp, which finally lost the red from its salmon tints and became yellow and orange in varying degrees. The 30 cent is known in a vermilion, quite different from its usual rose red and quite scarce.

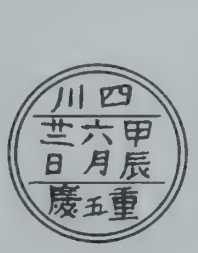
As stated above, the unwatermarked stamps replaced the watermarked as stocks of the latter on hand were used up. The ½ cent, 1 cent and 2 cents were reported in 1902 and the others gradually appeared until 1908 when the 1 dollar stamp finished the series.

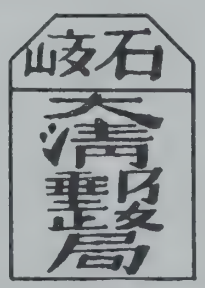
The reference list is as follows:—

1902-1908. Perf. 12 to 16. Unwatermarked.

½ cent, black brown, chocolate.
  Vertical pair, imperf. between.
1 cent, orange, ochre yellow
  Imperforate horizontally.
  Vertical pair, imperf. between.
  Vertical strip of 4, imperf. between.
  Vertical strip of 5, imperf. between.
2 cents, scarlet, crimson, dull red
  Vertical pair, imperf. between.
  Horizontal pair, imperf. between.
  Vertical strip of 3, imperf. between.
  Horizontal strip of 3, imperf. between.
  Horizontal strip of 4, imperf. between.
  Vertical strip of 5, imperf. between.
4 cents, orange brown, pale brown
5 cents, rose red, salmon, orange, yellow
  Vertical pair, imperf. between (orange).
  Vertical strip of 5, imperf. between (orange).
10 cents, deep green
  Vertical pair, imperf. between.
  Vertical strip of 3, imperf. between.
20 cents, claret, red brown
  Horizontal pair, imperf. between.
30 cents, rose red, vermilion
50 cents, green
1 dollar, red and pale rose
2 dollars, deep red and yellow
5 dollars, deep green and rose

The postmarks on the unwatermarked series were mainly the small one with town name, shown in the last chapter, and a new one, wholly in Chinese, which came into use about 1900 or soon after.



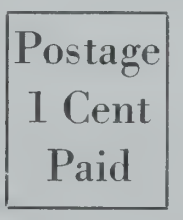


This latter is divided by two horizontal lines into three sections, the upper one containing the name of the Province (in the illustration SZE-CHWAN), the middle one the date, according to the Chinese calendar in the "Sexagenary Cycle," and the lower one the name of the City (in this case CHUNG-KING) with often a small numeral, presumably to denote the hour or the mail. The use of the two distinctive postmarks seems to have been intended for foreign mail or that of Europeans in the former case, and for domestic or local Chinese mail in the latter case. The old large postmark is now seldom seen but occasionally crops up. A cancellation consisting of Chinese characters in an oblong frame is often met with, and as it has no date it is probably mainly intended for package cancellations; it is found on letters, however, cancelling the stamps, while the postmark is struck elsewhere for clearness. The one illustrated above reads in large characters down the center *Ta Ch'ing Yu Chêng Chü* or "Imperial Chinese Post Office," with the name of the town, *Shih-Lêng* across the top. Several other variations of this form of cancellation can be found.

CHAPTER XII.—*Cut Provisionals.*

Two officially authorized cases of "cut provisionals" occurred during the currency of the unwatermarked stamps of 1902-8, one at Foochow and the other at Chunking. In both cases the one cent stamps, representing the local and interior rate of postage, ran short and their place was supplied by cutting the 2 cents, scarlet, in two diagonally.

This occurred at Foochow on October 22 and 23, 1903. Both 1 cent and ½ cent stamps had run short, and the steamer bringing new supplies had been delayed by a typhoon. Permission was therefore granted to bisect the 2 cent stamps diagonally, but this was only done by the postal officials. Mail matter had to be brought to the post-office and paid for in cash, when the half stamp was affixed, and overprinted with a frame containing the words "Postage—1 Cent—Paid." The whole was then



cancelled with the dated postmark of Foochow—the small one in English and Chinese, described in Chapter X. Of course the word "Paid" and the amount would have been sufficient to put on the covers, where the postage was paid in cash at the post-office; but the half stamps were evidently used for checking purposes. It is stated that about 2000 were thus used.

A similar state of affairs occurred at Chungking in August, 1904, but in this case the half stamp was not overprinted with any "Paid" device; it was simply cancelled with the small Chungking postmark in English and Chinese, or more frequently with the postmark entirely in Chinese, and which we have illustrated in describing this variety in the preceding chapter. The postmark reads "SZE-CHWAN" [Province] above, "CHUNG-KING" beneath, and the date in the "Sexagenary Cycle" in the center:—*chia ch'ên [1904]—6th month—22nd (or 23rd) day*—The corresponding date of the Christian calendar is August 3rd (or 4th), 1904. There seems to be no record available of the number of half stamps which may have been thus used.

(To be continued.)

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1915, 1 on 10, black	No. 188,	$	.40
2 on 12, blue and black	189,		.08
1 on 1, green and black	190,		.35
1 on 2, red and violet	191,		.45
1 on 4, olive green	192,		.80
1 on 10, red, brown & black,	193,		.06
2 on 20, green and black,	194,		1.50
2 on 50, black	195,		1.00

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1872, No. 3, 3c carmine, used	$2.25
1873-96, No. 5, 1c green & red, unused	.08
1873-96, No. 5c, 1c green & violet, un'd	1.25
1873-96, No. 7a, 4c brn. & bright blue, unused	.20
1873-96, No. 8, 5c used	.10
1873-96, No. 9, 7c lilac & orange, un'd	.30
1873-96, No. 10, 10c blue & brn., unused	.35
1873-96, No. 10c, four shades, used	.25
1873-96, No. 11, 12c red lilac & grn., un'd	.30
1873-96, No. 13a, 50c dull purple, un'd	1.50
1887, No. 14, 1 on 7c, unused	.50
1895, No. 15a, 10c on 50, unused	.40
1900, No. 19, 1c light green, unused	.04
1900, No. 20, 5c light blue, unused	.12
1901, No. 21, 4c bistre & blue, unused	.15
1901, No. 22, 10c blue & brown, unused	.25
1902, No. 24, 2 on 3, unused	.10
1902, No. 25, 8 on 10, unused	.20
1901, No. 21a, used on cover	.15

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*Salvador, No. 878		.25
*Salvador, No. 878a		.40
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4	4c blue	3.50	4.50
4b	4c imp. vertical pair	20.00	..
5c	1873-96, 1c, I, deep green, dull lilac	2.00	1.50
—	II, yellow green, dull lilac	6.00	1.50
5a	III, dark green, brownish lilac	2.00	1.25
—	IV, light yellow green, pale lilac	1.50	.50
—	V, light green, violet red	1.50	.40
5b	VI, yellow green, reddish lilac	.50	.30
5d	VII, brown yellow green, dull red	.50	.15
—	VIII, orange yellow green, reddish violet	.25	.20
5	IX, pale yellow green, brown red	.08	.05
6a	3c, I, dull blue, bright rose red	1.50	.50
—	II, pale blue, bright red	2.75	.75
—	III, grayish blue, lilac rose	4.00	.50
—	IV, blue, carmine lake	3.50	.35
6d	IV, same imperf. block $110.00		
6b	V, pale green blue, red	1.00	.25
6	VI, grayish blue, bright red	.35	.10
—	VII, bright blue, rose red	.75	.08
6c	VIII, bright red, deep gr. blue	.35	.10
7b	4c, I, light brown, deep ultramarine	1.50	.45
7	II, yellowish brown, pale dull blue	.20	.25
7a	III, yellowish brown, light blue	.20	..
—	5c, I, pale green, gray	1.00	.50
—	II, bright yellow green, gray	2.25	.35
—	III, light green, gray	1.25	.75
8a	IV, pale yellow green, deep gray	.65	.20
—	V, yellow green, deep gray	1.50	.25
—	VI, bright green, gray	1.50	.20
9a	7c, I, lilac, deep yellow	1.10	.50
9	II, lilac, orange	.35	.50
—	10c, I, pale blue, dark brown	1.25	.20
—	II, bright blue, dark brown	7.50	.40
—	III, dull blue, brown	1.50	.15
—	IV, pale blue, brown	1.50	.15
10a	V, green blue, dark brown	.75	.10
10	VI, dull blue, light brown	.75	.10
10b	—With period "Cent.s"	1.50	.60
11a	12c, I, lilac, deep green	1.50	1.00
11	II, red lilac, yellow green	.30	.40
12	14c dull lilac, green	$7 to 12.50	10.50
13	50c, I, violet, thin paper	1.10	1.25
—	I, violet, medium thick paper	1.10	1.25
13a	II, pale lilac	2.00	2.00
14a	1887, 1c on 7c, on I	1.00	1.00
14	1c on 7c, on II	.50	.70
14b	1c double surcharge	15.00	..
15	10c on 50c, on I, thin paper	.35	.35
—	10c on 50c, on I, thick pa.	.50	..
16	1898, 1c, perf. 12½	.18	.15
17	3c, perf. 12½	.35	.15
18	1896, 5c, I, perf. 12½	.75	.25
—	1899, 5c, II, perf. 12½	1.10	.30
19	1900, 1c light green	.04	.03
20	5c light blue	.12	.08
21	1901, 4c, perf. 12½	.15	.15
21a	Diagonal half on cover	..	.20
22	10c, perf. 12½	.60	.25
23	1902, 2c on 3c, 14x12½	11.00	..
24	2c perf. 12½	.12	.18
24a	2c straight foot 2	.45	..
25	8c on 10c	.22	.30
25a	8c straight foot 8	.80	..
—	8c on 10c "CENT.S"	.60	..
27	2c on 3c	.45	..
28	8c on 10c	.25	.25
—	8c on 10c "CENT.S"	.75	..
29, 30	1903, 2c, 8c	.30	..
31-36	1905, 5b-50b, set of 6	.85	..
37	1fr	.32	.40
38	2fr	.75	..
39	5fr	1.60	..
40-42	5b, set of 3	.55	..
43-50	1908, 5b-50b, set of 8	.85	..
51, 55	1915, 5b, 25b, pair	.10	.08
	1915, 10, 15, 20, 40, 50b	..	..
101-104	1902, Dues, set of 4	..	..
105-7	1905, Dues set of 3, perf. 13	.35	..
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These are the royal boosters. This week we commend especially the work of H. J. Schmidt and Burt McCann, both of whom have sent in many new subscriptions. Mr. Schmidt's total of 41 is very creditable to him and we are glad to publicly express our appreciation of the work done.

The standing of the other dealers is as follows March 24:

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In order to obtain some information on postmarks, I wrote Henry B. Chambers & Bros., Lodge, Va., who have had the contract for a number of years for making the "hand-stampers" which are used practically universally for all small post offices in the U. S. A. I received their reply this morning. I will quote their letter in full: "We have your letter and note the questions therein all of which we can answer; however, before answering same we would like to know of what value cancelled postage stamps are to you, and what use you make of them? We have noticed from time to time advertisements offering to buy used postage stamps and the purpose for which they are wanted has never been clear to us. It would be a great help to our business if we could show that many postage stamps are used a second time and if you can give any information in this connection we will be glad to answer your questions in detail."

In my reply, I referred to your WEEKLY and how long it had been published; the number of clubs and associations; cited some prominent collectors; explained Scott's catalog, etc., etc. Also I mailed them a copy of your March 3rd issue, marking your editorial on page 76, also a copy of "The Charm of Stamp Collecting" and offered to give them any number of sources from which they could obtain proof that a stamp collector was as far removed from a crook as the heavens are from the infernal regions.

If you do not get their subscription, I think we ought to pass the hat for a contribution. I am also in favor of having a law passed that every one who is in any way connected with the handling of government mail or furnished any supplies for same, should be *compelled* to read up on the subject of stamp collecting so that they will at least know what we are and what we are doing. Will some prominent Philatelist please run for Congress so that he can get the government to issue publications on the subject and take advantage of the popular custom and send them broadcast throughout the land free of postage?

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THE LAST ISSUE OF D. W. I.

By J. Murray Bartels.

The 1915 issue of the Danish West Indies, portrait of Christian X, has been causing dealers and collectors much trouble and annoyance due to the fact that the stamps were priced in the Scott catalogue when none could be supplied. The 5b green and 25b blue were placed on sale about 18 months ago and have been plentiful. Around the middle of last January a few sheets each of the 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50b stamps finally reached the islands and it is reported that four sheets were placed on sale at St. Thomas. Two or three dealers who had deposits to their credit received 2 or 5 sets each. The balance were sold to the public, and according to reports not more than 2 sets to each applicant. The supply was entirely exhausted in a few hours. Fantastic prices were immediately asked by those fortunate enough to secure sets, the figures ranging from $10 to $25 for stamps listing perhaps 72c. Inquiries concerning the prospects of additional supplies have brought forth no further information. The chronicle and cataloguing of the entire set (the 30c being omitted by Scott) is due to the fact that the Postal Union sent out full sets in 1915.

THE ST. LOUIS SOCIETY.

We have received a piece of adlet copy from the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society and the announcement will be found in that department of the Weekly calling attention to the activities of this hustling local society. The secretary, Herbert Klein, writes us as follows:—

"Our purpose is to let collectors in other towns know that there is a local society and to invite them to visit and have an enjoyable time with us. Besides the outsiders, there are hundreds of local collectors who know nothing of our society, unless they are informed by the local dealers. One of our distinguished visitors at last night's meeting was J. K. Doughty of Lamar, Colo., who gave the members a treat by showing parts of his fine U. S. collection. Our society is booming. I am enclosing a card with a list of exhibitions, which have been the feature of our present season."

The program for the remainder of the year is as follows:—April 3, Sweden; April 17, Errors; May 1, Mexico and May 15, Methods of Separation.

Mr. Klein follows up his publicity endeavor by requesting us to send him a bunch of subscription coupons and the Managing Editor must admit that a letter such as this is a boost in the right direction.

MEHL BUYS ADLER COIN COLLECTION.

(From the Philadelphia Ledger comes the news that B. Max Mehl of Fort Worth, Texas, has purchased the famous collection described below. We congratulate Mr. Mehl, and our readers will be interested in the clipping in question.—Ed.)

B. Max Mehl, of Fort Worth, Texas, came all the way to Philadelphia for the purpose of obtaining 1500 one-cent and half-cent pieces, for which he paid $10,000. They represent every type minted in this country since the Revolution, and were collected by Dr. Lewis J. Adler, Jr., of 1610 Arch street. Mr. Mehl is a professional numismatist.

The last half-penny was minted in 1853. The 1500 pennies weighed exactly seventy-five pounds. Mr. Mehl shipped them by express and followed by the first train for Fort Worth.

IN LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles has long had the name of "doing things." This spirit of progressiveness has just been displayed by the local stamp collectors in their amalgamation of the two local philatelic societies, the Southern Calif. Philatelic Society and Branch No. 35 American Philatelic Society. Under the consolidation the members of the S. C. P. S. become associate members of the A. P. S. and the Branch adopts the name of the local Society.

The new officers insure strength to the Society, also success in maintaining philatelic interest in an already active stamp center. Mr. H. J. Lelande, president, has been a local collector for many years and is County Clerk of L. A. County. Joseph S. Davis, vice-president, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of London and a collector of twenty-five years' standing. Mr. T. Blakely, secretary, stands high as an attorney and has already proven his efficiency as secretary of the S. C. P. S. the past year.

Los Angeles has nearly twenty A. P. S. members and with the fifty or so Associate members the new Society starts with a most promising career. Meetings are held on the 10th floor of the Public Library, second Tuesdays and fourth Thursdays.

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DELAY OF FOREIGN MAILS.

We received March 21 a letter from Bright & Son dated February 28, the letter requiring three weeks to cross the Atlantic. The firm calls attention to the difficulties attending speedy forwarding of mail matter and we quote from their letter as follows:

"May we suggest that you ask your readers to allow plenty of time for their orders to be filled. The present difficulties in the Postal Departments here, which have had to introduce fifty per cent. in inexperienced female labour, and also the great delay in the Censor's Office, makes it quite impossible for us to guarantee any time for the despatch of orders.

We do not like complaints about non-delivery, and if some collectors had a little more patience, we should be glad. These complaints have to be answered and it takes a long time to explain.

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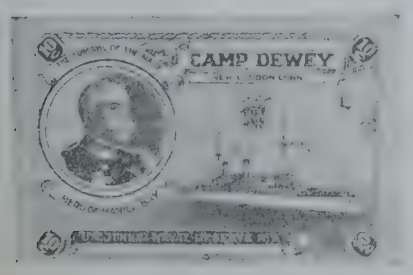
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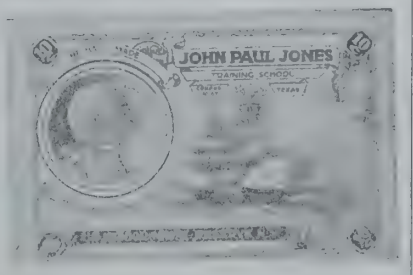
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Edited by MILTON P. LYONS, JR.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address Milton P. Lyons, Jr., 1631 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—I. C. Greene submits a copy of the current 1c stamp perforated 14. This stamp undoubtedly is from an imperforate sheet and privately perforated.

We have received from Don. M. Harris specimens of the seals on pink paper one showing a flaw on the bottom at the left hand side extending over half of the outer frame; the same stamp also has a colorless spot about a millimetre in diameter directly over the "t" in "Department." This stamp is the lower left stamp of each sheet of ten in the booklets. An interesting variety for the specialist of this issue.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Through courtesy of J. A. Galbraith we have seen copies of the 1c "WAR" stamp in pale green without the moire overprint.

War Stamp.

1917, 1c pale green.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—The war tax stamps for this Dependency were finally placed on sale at George Town, Grand Cayman, on the 26th of February, and by night the stock was sold out. However, a further issue is to be made. The stamp surcharged is the 2½d blue, George, from plate 5, showing this control in the upper and lower margin of each pane. The sheets of 120 have been separated into panes of 60 to facilitate handling at the press.

The surcharge "WAR—STAMP—1½d" appears in three lines, in black, and was applied by the Government Printing Office at Kingston, Jamaica. The type used for the "WAR STAMP" surcharge is very similar to that used for the Jamaican overprints, and the spacing of the words horizontally and vertically is the same. From all appearances the WAR STAMP overprint was applied at one operation, and the 1½d at a second.

The figure 1 or 1½d has a broad serif, and measures 5 mm. in height. The figures in the fraction ½, however, are without serifs. On some stamps the top of the 1 of 1½d is but 1 mm. below the "A" of STAMP, while on other stamps, it is from 2 to 3 mm. below. It has been the endeavor of the Government Printer to have the new value 1½d fall on the 2½d value tablet, and in most cases he has been successful.

The printing has been badly done, and the black ink of the surcharge does not show up well against the deep blue of the stamp. The letter "d" of 1½d is badly battered, and on some stamps appears more as an "o". Two types of the letter "S" are found (as in Jamaica war stamps), wide and narrow. The entire first vertical row shows the wide "S". The dash between the 1 and 2 of ½d is of varying thicknesses and lengths, and on some stamps the 2 is off to the right and not directly under the 1. Some sheets show the 1½d dropped so that only the upper part shows on the stamp, the lower portion of course being on the stamp directly under.—HARRY E. HUBER.

FRANCE.—"We translate the following extracts from two of our French contemporaries:

La Philatelie pour Tous says:—"The increase in the postage has caused numerous mistakes in the franking of the inland correspondence. The Government, anticipating this, therefore issued a decree to the effect that, as a special concession, all correspondence posted prior to January 15 which was not sufficiently stamped would be taxed only with the amount of the deficiency, and not double that amount, as usual. For this reason, numerous post offices used up their stocks of the 5c Postage Due stamp, and recourse was had to the use of ordinary adhesives of that denomination, surcharged with the letter "T" in a triangle, in thick type. Also on account of the increase in the postal rates, a large supply of the new 15c stamp, green (Sower type), has just been delivered by the Government Printing Works, Boulevard Brune, Paris. The impression is on thin paper, of a very inferior quality, in sheets of 150, bearing at the top and bottom of the sheet the letters "G C" (*Grande Consommation*) in large green letters. Immediately these are used up a supply will be printed on superior quality paper."

L'Echo de la Timbrologie says:—"The sheets of stamps bearing Control "G C" (*Grande Consommation*) are now on sale, for the 5, 10 and 15c values. Only in the actual paper is there any noticeable difference from the stamps already in use, and this is of lamentably poor quality, grey and thin, like that used for newspapers. The impression is rather blurred, and it is certain that the new paper will soon become the worse for wear and that the array of shades in our albums will be very crude."

"A well informed correspondent advises us that the question of creating a 5c War Tax stamp is under consideration, to be used on all correspondence (letters and post cards) sent abroad. There is every likelihood of this being decided upon, seeing that the foreign tariff is the only one which has not been increased, and it is curious to note that, while 15c is required for the postage of a post card which is only to be conveyed from one place to another inland, 10c is sufficient for cards posted to foreign addresses. A single country cannot alter International Conventions, and the Great Powers have rather too much on hand to attend a Congress of the Universal Postal Union. The creation of a special War Tax stamp would, however, appear to surmount the difficulty.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ITALIAN COLONIES.—We note from *Stamp Collecting* that *"Il Bolletino Filatelico* which is now producing excellent philatelic fare every fortnight, announces the forthcoming issue of a distinctive series of postage stamps for the Italian Colonies, to take the place of the present overprinted ones of the mother country.

Our Naples contemporary also utters a warning against forged overprints on the Red Cross stamps, particularly of Libia."

JAMAICA.—The TAMP error in the January printing of the war stamps occurred on but two values, the 1½d and 3d, and it is reported that but 200 sheets

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4	1890, 10c blue and brown	.40	.20
5	1890, 13c slate and black	.40	.16
6	1890, 16c orange brn. & ultra.	.60	.30
7	1890, 48c ochre and green	1.50	.75
8	1890, 96c violet & carmine	4.00	2.25
9	1892, 3c on 4c carm. & green	.15	.07
10	1892, 12c on 16c or. brn. & blue	.65	.30
11	1892, 15c on 16c or. brn. & blue	.75	.35
12	1892, 45c on 48c ochre & green	2.00	1.00
13	1892, 90c on 96c violet & carm.	5.00	2.50
14	1893, 3c dark violet & orange	.06	.03
15	1893, 12c olive gray and green	.25	.15
16	1893, 15c olive green & violet	.50	.25
17	1893, 45c brown & carmine	2.00	1.00
18	1896, 18c on 45c brn. & carm.	.60	.30
19	1896, 36c on 45c brn. & carm.	1.50	.75
20	1897, 18c ultramarine	.25	.15
21	1897, 36c brown & carmine	1.75	.90
22	1897, 1r violet & carmine	1.75	.90
23	1900, 2c orange brn. & green	.08	.04
24	1900, 6c carmine	.12	.05
25	1900, 15c ultramarine	.20	.10
26	1900, 75c yellow and purple	3.00	1.75
27	1900, 1r 50c black and carm.	4.00	2.50
28	1900, 2r 25c violet & green	5.00	3.00
29	1901, 3c on 10c blue & brn.	.35	.18
30	1901, 3c on 16c or. brn. & bl.	.35	.15
31	1901, 3c on 36c brn. & carm.	.25	.12
32	1901, 6c on 8c brn. vio. & ultra.	.25	.12
33	1902, 2c on 4c carmine & grn.	.60	.40
34	1902, 30c on 75c yell. & purple	.60	.35
35	1902, 30c on 1r violet & carm.	1.25	.60
36	1902, 45c on 1r violet & carm.	1.25	.60
37	1902, 45c on 2r 25c viol. & grn.	2.50	1.50
38	1903, 2c red brown and green	.08	.04
39	1903, 3c green	.10	.05
40	1903, 6c carmine	.10	.08
41	1903, 12c olive gray & green	.20	.10
42	1903, 15c ultramarine	.30	.20
43	1903, 18c yellow grn. & carm.	.50	.25
44	1903, 30c purple and green	.60	.30
45	1903, 45c brown and carmine	.75	.45
46	1903, 75c yellow & purple	1.00	.60
47	1903, 1r 50c black and carmine	1.50	1.00
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53	1906, 3c green	.08	.05
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56	1906, 15c ultramarine	.30	.20
57	1906, 18c yellow green & carm.	.30	.15
58	1906, 30c purple and green	.35	.20
59	1906, 45c brown and carmine	.40	.25
60	1906, 75c yellow & purple	.75	.45
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65	1912, 6c carmine	.04	.03
66	1912, 12c olive gray & green	.09	.07
67	1912, 15c ultramarine	.10	.08
68	1912, 18c yellow grn. & carm.	.14	.12
69	1912, 30c purple and green	.18	.16
70	1912, 45c brown and carmine	.24	.22
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(240 stamps each) of the 1½d were included in this printing. One stamp to the sheet showed the error. The quantity of the 3d in this printing was very much smaller, and the majority of sheets had the "S" inserted by the Post Office officials after the matter was called to their attention. The "no period" error has been corrected in recent printings of the 3d, and exists but on the 3d lemon yellow, one line overprint; 3d golden yellow, one line overprint; and 3d lemon yellow, two line overprint. It exists on the three major varieties of the ½d; i. e., yellow green, one line; blue green, one line, and blue green, two line overprint; and also on the 1½d.

The 4d George has now appeared on the new golden yellow paper, which is the product of the new mill under contract with the Crown Agents to supply colored papers for the Colonial stamps. —HARRY E. HUBER.

MAFIA.—Scott's *Circular* says, "In the last few months we have read numerous reports of provisional issues of stamps for this island, which lies off the coast of German East Africa and has been occupied by the British forces. The following letter from Mr. V. N. Giga, Zanzibar, to the *Philatelic Magazine*, seems to shed light on these would-be provisionals:—

"The first issue after the capture of that island was I. E. F., and obliterated at Zanzibar. Second use obliterated with the F. P. O. No. Soon the stock was exhausted and provisional stamps were issued. These provisional stamps were rubber stamps overprinted on an envelope with these letters 'G. R.—POST—6 CENTS—MAFIA'.

Soon the I. E. F. stock arrived and those provisional stamps were stopped, but they were used in obliterating the I. E. F. stamps. After a fortnight they made obliterating stamps with date and letters Mafia in circular."

This letter seems to state very distinctly that the alleged surcharges are merely cancellation marks.

NORTH BORNEO.—E. W. Fuss in commenting on the provisional surcharges chronicled in our issue of February 24th, states that he has obtained a copy of the 6c surcharged "4 Cents" in which the "s" is inverted. It is likely that this error would exist in the other values as this was an emergency issue, locally surcharged, and hurriedly done, as additional supplies ordered from London had been lost when the "Persia" was torpedoed, as previously mentioned.

SIAM.—Philip H. Ward, Jr., advises us that he has received copies of a new and permanent set to replace the surcharged stamps of 1914-15. The design is similar to the 1912 set, printed by Waterlow & Son, London. The values to hand being:

2s brown, 3s green, 5s rose, 10s black and olive and 15s blue.

The 10s is surface printed on chalky paper and the other values are engraved. No reason has been received as to why two processes of printing have been used in these stamps. This is the set chronicled in MEKEEL'S of December 30th ult. It is understood that these stamps would be placed on sale as soon as the surcharged issues were depleted as Mr. Ward's supply was obtained "behind the counter.

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MEXICO G. P. De M. ISSUE

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Through an unfortunate circumstance a number of Trial Colors have been listed by Scott as regular varieties, which error, of course, is sure to be corrected later on. To prevent confusion I have appended in each case the correct color of the G P de M surcharge, viz.: Bl—Blue; B—Black; R—Red; Gr—Green; Br. B.—Brown Black.

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3c—(Bl)	.02
4c—(Bl)	.75
5c—(Bl)	.04
10c—(R)	.15
15c—(B)	.25
20c—(B)	.30
50c—(R)	.50
1 peso—(R)	1.00
5 peso—(R)	3.75
5c—1903—(Bl)	1.00
15c—1899—(Bl)	1.00

On Carranza (Baby) G. C. M. Issue.

1c—(R)	$ .25
2c—(R)	.02
3c—(Bl)	.02
4c—(Bl)	.75
5c—(Bl)	.04
10c—(R)	.15
15c—(B)	.15
20c—(B)	.15
50c—(R)	.60
1 Peso—(R)	2.50
5c—1903—(Bl)	1.00

On Dollar Surcharge.

1c—(R)	.25
2c—(R)	.02
3c—(Bl)	.02
4c—(Bl)	.10
5c—(Bl)	.04
10c—(R)	.05
15c—(B)	.10
20c—(B)	.15
50c—(R)	.50
1 peso—(R)	1.00
5 Peso—(R)	3.50

On Denver Issue

1c—(Bl)	.25
2c—(Bl)	.25
3c—(Bl)	.03
5c—(Bl)	.04
10c—(Bl)	.03
15c—(Bl)	.05
50c—(Bl)	.10
1 peso—(Bl)	.50

On Transitorio Issue

1c—(R)	1.00
2c—(R)	.60
4c—(R)	1.20
5c—Does Not Exist.	
10c—(Bl)	.10
20c—(Bl)	.20
50c—(B)	.50
1 Peso—(B)	1.00

On Villa G. C. M. Issue.

1c—(R)	.20
2c—(R)	.05
3c—(Bl)	.06
4c—(Bl)	.75
5c—(Bl)	.10
10c—(R)	.20
15c—(B)	.30
20c—(B)	.40

50c, 1 Peso and 5 Peso: A few sets of these were printed for the Mexican Govn. Collection.

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4c—(Bl.)	.55
5c—(Bl)	.08
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15c—(B)	.12
20c—(B)	.15
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10c on 1c—(Bl)	.10
25c on 5c—(Gr)	.15
60c on 2c—(R)	1.00

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BOSTON, March 20, 1917.

The 378th (regular) meeting of the Society was called to order this evening at 7.45 p. m. by President Brown. The usual reports were read and approved. The members learned with regret of the deaths of two of their fellow members, Mr. Charles H. Stone and Mr. Edward Gowing. The death of Mr. Gowing was not known to the Society in time for us to either attend the funeral or send a floral tribute, but five of the members attended the funeral of Mr. Stone and acted as pall-bearers at the request of his son. All members who had not paid their dues for 1916 were dropped from the rolls as had been voted at the December meeting.

The entertainment for the evening consisted of 25 questions which were asked by the committee and those present were given a limited time in which to answer each. Mr. Carpenter answered the largest number correctly. This form of entertainment proves attractive to most everyone and a similar entertainment may be given later in the year. There were 26 members and one visitor present during the evening.

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Would it not be well for the various dealers who conduct auction sales to adopt uniform characters designating used and unused lots? One dealer uses circles, squares or stars to denote unused stamps while another uses the same characters to indicate they are used; consequently, if after perusing several catalogues one becomes accustomed to a circle indicating one class of stamps, it is somewhat difficult to keep in mind the fact that it means just the opposite in others. An auction buyer scanning the various lists is frequently obliged to refer to the particulars of sale to ascertain whether or not the characters used in B's list mean the same as they did in A's. If all who use such would adopt a uniform code it would soon become fixed in the buyer's mind and he could more readily make his memos.

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This was the standing on March 24. Prizes are offered to the two subscribers getting the largest number of new subscriptions before April 25, but dealers are debarred from this competition. The prizes are as follows:—

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 99.)

BARRIOS.—This name appears on a circle in the right-hand upper corner of some of the stamps of Salvador issued in 1887-89. It is the name of one of the former presidents of the republic.

BARR'S PENNY DISPATCH.—A local post of the United States operating in 1847, but at what town I have been unable to ascertain. The two labels issued in connection with this post bear no indication of value.

BARTH-WAHL, M.—A Luxemburg engraver, who journeyed to Brussels in 1852 to examine the method by which stamps were produced at the Belgian State Printing Establishment and, on his return, he engraved the dies and manufactured the plates for the first stamps of Luxemburg.

BASLE.—The common, though incorrect, English form of the name Bâle (French) or Basel (German)—a Canton in north-west Switzerland. It has an area of 177 square miles and a population of over 180,000. A special postage stamp, having a facial value of 2½ rappen, was issued here on July 1st, 1845. This stamp remained in use until it was replaced by the general issue for the Federal Administration.

BASS, W. E.—The Postmaster of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1861, whose name is shown on the special 5c stamps issued there at that time previous to the introduction of the stamps for general use in the Confederate States.

BASTED MILLS.—Some of the ½d and 1d stamps of New Zealand issued in December, 1901, were printed on paper manufactured by the Basted Paper Company, at the village of that name in Kent, England. It is a thin hard paper watermarked with double-lined "N Z" and star. Although the catalogues give the spelling as "Basted" I believe the name of the Kentish village is actually spelled "Bastead."

BATONNE PAPER.—One of the many kinds of paper on which stamps have been printed. **Bâtonné** means "ruled" and this paper is watermarked with straight parallel lines placed a certain distance apart. There are two kinds of **bâtonné** paper—wove and laid.

In **wove bâtonné** the spaces between the watermarked lines are plain. This variety has but seldom been used in stamp production and the only example I can call to mind is furnished by some of the curious labels issued by the Indian native State of Poonch.

In **laid bâtonné** the spaces between the watermarked lines are filled with fainter watermarked lines running in the same direction. It is not often met with but some of the Guadalajara stamps of Mexico were printed on it. It is worth noting that the thin writing paper commonly known as "foreign note" forms an excellent example of laid **bâtonné** paper. (See also PAPER).

BATON ROUGE.—The capital of the State of Louisiana, situated on the Mississippi River, and having a present population of well over 12,000. In 1779, it was taken from the British by the Spaniards and in 1862 it was the scene of a victory by the Federals over the Confederates. It is philatelically famous from the fact that in 1861 the then Postmaster, Mr. J. McCormick, issued three stamps to facilitate the prepayment of postage and these continued in use until they were replaced by the general issue for the Confederate States.

BATZ, PH.—A Danish engraver who engraved the dies for the 1864, 1870, and 1874 stamps of Denmark. The design for the 1870 issue was the work of the painter, Ohik, but it seems probable that the designs of the two later issues were the work of Batz himself.

BAUM AND DALLAS.—A firm of printers who produced the Official **Gazette** of British Guiana, for the Colonial Government, at Georgetown. In February, 1856, they set up and printed from ordinary type some 1c and 4c stamps required for provisional use. The 1c of this issue is the rarest, or perhaps it would be more correct

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BAYER. POSTTAXE.—An inscription in Gothic type shown on the first postage due stamp of Bavaria meaning "Bavaria, postage due."

(To be continued.)

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WASHINGTON, March 28.—Rear Admiral James H. Oliver, chief of naval intelligence, was today named by Secretary Daniels as governor of the new American insular possessions heretofore known as the Danish West Indies, which are to be formally and officially taken over March 31, under the name of the Virgin Islands.

It is an historical irony that these islands should pass into the hands of this government formally at this time in view of the known wishes of Germany that the United States should not obtain possession of them and the fact that the Berlin government is generally understood to have been responsible for the rejection by one branch of the Danish Parliament some years ago of a treaty which would have transferred them to the United States for $3,000,000 instead of the present purchase price of $25,000,000.

The ceremonies of transfer will take place at St. Thomas. On the same day Secretary McAdoo in Washington will deliver to the Danish minister the United States government warrant for $25,000,000 in payment for the islands.

ST. THOMAS, March 31.—The transfer of the D. W. I. from Danish rule to the United States took place simultaneously on the three islands at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Commander Pollock landed from the cruiser Hancock under a salute of 15 guns and proceeded to the officers' barracks, where the transfer protocol was signed. The Danish Governor then proclaimed the transfer and the Danish flag was lowered amid salutes and the singing of the Danish anthem. Commander Pollock proclaimed the cession, and the American flag was hoisted, accompanied by salutes and the singing of the American anthem. There were no demonstrations, but many in the crowd wept during the profound and impressive silence that followed the hoisting of the American flag.

PACK ELECTED PRESIDENT.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry Association and prominently identified with other national organizations, has been elected president of the World's Court League, succeeding John Hays Hammond, resigned, it was announced here today.

At the office of the league it was said that under Mr. Pack's presidency the organization would continue its work in this country and abroad, so that after the war definite steps may be taken toward an international court for settlement of international disputes on lines suggested by American delegates to the second Hague conference.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—The M. P. A. Year Book for 1916 has been received. It is well gotten up and contains the regulation year book matter. The committee having in charge the printing of this book consisted of Victor V. Boyer, Daniel B. Nagel, Chester C. Heffner and Daniel H. Huyett. The committee expresses its appreciation to I. C. Greene for his splendid cooperation in securing advertising patronage.

—We are in receipt of No. 5 of the *Lincoln Philatelist*, published by Milton Hubsch, 313 Rich Av., Mt. Vernon, N. Y. A sample copy will doubtless be sent upon request. It is nicely printed and gives evidence of a still larger prosperity.

—The Beaver Stamp Co., Port Arthur, Can., informs us that no replies can be secured to letters sent Carrol B. Wilson, 131 King St., Oshawa, Ont., and John Woodbridge, Montrose, N. Y.

—From a Montpelier, Vt., paper comes the news of the death of Mrs. Carroll A. Pitkin, the wife of Carroll A. Pitkin who for several years advertised in the WEEKLY. The blow comes as a very severe one to Mr. Pitkin, who has himself been in poor health for the past ten years and during which time her constant care and devotion had been unfailing. Many of our subscribers, former patrons of Mr. Pitkin, will sympathize with him in his great loss.

—*Stamp Collecting*, the popular British weekly stamp paper, is facing a crisis in its history, due to the increased cost of production and the severe restrictions that are now being placed on paper imports. The publishers of the paper have put it up to their subscribers as to whether an increase in subscription rates is advisable, with or without an increase in the rates for advertising, or whether an endowment fund should be established to guarantee the publishers against a self-evident loss if one of the courses outlined is not followed. An immediate vote upon the general proposition is urged. It would be a serious blow to British philately to have the efficiency of this publication in any way curbed.

—In connection with the N. P. S. convention to be held in Portland, Maine, July 19, 20, 21, there will be an exhibition in which the lady members only of the N. P. S. compete. A silver cup will be awarded as the first prize.

—A. C. LeDuc of Danvers, Mass., would like to hear from parties who are interested in G. O. Soult, Hambleton, W. Va.

—The Deutscher Breifmarken Sammler Verein of N. Y. City has elected the following officers for 1917: Pres., John C. Damm; Vice-Pres., R. Tiederman; Sec., C. Burk; Treas., C. C. Ploch. Meets the third Sunday of the month at Terrace Garden.

—The New York Stamp Society at its first meeting in April will have a very fine display of Hong Kong by E. A. Fleisher; also Austria in 8 vols. by Dr. J. B. Chittenden.

—The Hudson County Stamp Society of Jersey City, N. J., Br. No. 11 N. P. S., will hold its 5th annual informal dinner April 27 at Schindler's, 371 Central Ave.

—The Cincinnati Philatelic Society held its first annual meeting March 27 at North Cincinnati, Turner Hall, and the following officers were elected: pres., Erwin L. Fischer; vice-pres., Fred. Huntington, and sec'y-treas., A. D. Fennel. The following were elected trustees: W S. Ossage, S. W. Ritchie, J. A. McCullough and Geo. Kitzinger. After the members partook of a luncheon Mr. Fennel, who had just returned from Washington, gave a very interesting talk on the government stamp collection at the Smithsonian Institution. Any Cincinnatian wishing to join the society can reach Mr. Fennel at No. 807 Second Natl. Bank Building.

—We are indebted to C. R. Sutton, secretary of the Indianapolis Collectors' Club for a bunch of six subscriptions to the WEEKLY, three new and three renewals. It is a good list and we appreciate Mr. Sutton's efforts in connection with our mailing list.

—Stamp collectors in and around Lawrence, Mass., have met and formed the Lawrence Stamp Club. An application for a branch charter of the N. P. S. was made. Those elected as officers were: E. V. Reed, pres.; R. J. Sullivan, sec., 15 Logan St., Lawrence, Mass.

—The N. Y. Philatelic Society, (Branch No. 3, N. P. S.) held its annual election March 12, as follows: pres., M. Herbert; vice-pres., C. R. Goetz; sec., E. Weiss; treas., J. L. Stroub; directors, Messrs. Hayden, Lechnor & Knapp. This branch is now getting up a fund in order to have its own permanent meeting rooms.

—We are informed by F. G. Morant that the sheet of Tasmania 1853 4d red orange plate II on laid paper brought $4,000 at the Puttick & Simpson auction sale January 16. We noted recently the appearance on the market of this sheet which had been in the possession of the daughter of the engraver, C. W. Coard, since his death.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Benj. Cadbury, H. H. Reeves, R. Hemmleb, Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, I. B. Robinson.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

We have received for review an excellent handbook of one hundred pages, entitled, "Mexico, An Illustrated Check List of the Revolutionary Stamps of 1913-1916" by Bertram W. H. Poole. In its physical aspects the book is very attractive and the cuts are plain, while the paper and letter-press are all that could be desired, to speak tritely. We are fully aware that the study of the revolutionary issues of Mexico has been pursued to no mean degree and that there is no dearth of printed observations on the subject of the stamps but we are sure that as a check list, the work will be welcomed warmly by many of those collectors who frankly have been somewhat confused in following the many turns that the issues have taken. We should say that inasmuch as Mr. Poole has been a student of the stamps in question for a long time and as he has been until recently in a position of strategic importance for the review of the war stamps, his findings have the tone of authority. To attempt to particularize with specific instance would be sacrilegious almost and we refer the book to readers with all confidence in its worth. The revolutionary issues abound in complexities and inconsistencies, perhaps, and we suppose that the subject will never be a closed incident but we suspect that Mr. Poole has hit the mark in every case where it was visible. The text is direct and clear in its application and its meaning and is no cumbersome compilation of unessential and unrelated data. The book is published by the author, Bertram W. H. Poole: Price, cloth, one dollar; paper covers, fifty cents.

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Notary Public.

MIXTURES AND PACKETS.

More and more satisfied are we that the exclusion of mixture advertising from our columns is a wise business policy. The trouble lies in the fact that the word "mixture" can cover a multitude of sins and usually does. Moreover the ordinary stamp collector is apt to insist on full measure and a well dressed offer looms big on his mental horizon.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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EDITORIAL.

Strangers.—The coming of the 50 cent, perforated 10, unwatermarked, and the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 cent (thus far) unwatermarked paper, perforated 11, was not unexpected but a surprise has been given us by the re-issue of the two dollar blue, Madison, and five dollar green, Marshall, of the 1902 design, on unwatermarked paper and perforated 10. An impressive appearance is made by the new stamps that have re-entered the philatelic arena so informally and so spick and span do the new stamps seem that we could believe that new transfers of the die had been made. In our issue of March 17th, 1917, we reproduced the order to postmasters, under date of March 7th, 1917, asking postmasters who had the $2 and the $5 denominations in stock to report the quantity immediately to Washington; and in the paper of two weeks ago, we told of a "drayload" or seventy packages, more or less, consigned to Russia as first-class mail, each one of which bore postage stamps to the amount of from nine to eleven dollars. Incidentally, a ninety-seven dollar package to the same country was reported by the clerk. It was shown that the need for the high values, if not a crying one was a sighing one on the part of some stamp-lickers. The block of four collector probably is wondering when the dollar values are to come perforated 11.

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Mysterious.—All well-regulated papers have their mystery stories and we have decided that our readers are entitled to all the trimmings of latter-day journalism. Hence, we begin a mystery series and if any of our readers are troubled by pet mysteries, refer them to us. However, purely private philatelic mysteries will not be considered; they should be referred to Pat Chouli, who is great on the scent. (Original, of course.) Mystery I. A respected and reputable old collector showed us the two reales, 1863, Philippines, on the back of which was written in ink: "This stamp was stolen from Wm. P. Brown." The notation was in the chirography of Mr. Brown and our caller surely did not steal the stamp. How did the writing get on the back of the rarity after the stamp had been stolen (if it was) and who stole the stamp?

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Early.—Several months ago, we received an inquiry as to the date of the earliest philatelic paper published in the United States. The question was inspired by a quotation from the book, Foot Prints of a Letter-Carrier, by James Rees, (who was a clerk in the Philadelphia Post Office), which was published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, in 1866, and which was submitted as follows by our correspondent: "There is a small paper published in Albany, New York, entitled the *Stamp Collector's Record.* It is entirely devoted to the *cause* of stamps and their collectors. It furnishes also considerable news or information upon the subject in connection with foreign stamps." We discovered this book of Mr. Rees to philatelists a good many years ago and we duly dissected it in order to present its philatelic parts before our readers. At the time, we referred to the foot-note that we have quoted but this is said with no intent to seem ungrateful to the reader in question. Not having access to the Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of Lord Crawford at the time the interrogation was made, we delayed our answer, which we are now ready to give, fortified as we are by the presence of that noble tome. Under the chronological table of stamp papers in the United States we find that the *Stamp Collector's Record,* "New Series," was published in Albany, New York, Dec. 1864 to October 1876. Consequently, the stamp journal mentioned in the Philadelphia book was the pioneer stamp paper of the United States. However, the "second series" note in the description is significant and we have to yield the palm of priority to Canada, as the *Stamp Collector's Record* was first published in Montreal, where it appeared from February to March, 1864, or the circumscribed period of two months. Even so, but five or six copies of the March number were circulated, the rest of the edition having been destroyed. Here we may say that the *Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette,* published at St. John, New Brunswick, 1865-67, was the second stamp paper issued in Canada and somewhat recently we reviewed an early number of this publication in this column.

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Reminiscent.—As indicated in the foregoing paragraph, the publisher of the *Stamp Collector's Record* has the distinction of having been the first philatelic periodical publisher both in Canada and in the United States; and by name, he was S. A. Taylor. S. Allen Taylor was one of the dark stars of philately and to the older generations of collectors, a host of memories cluster about the name. We believe that Mr. Taylor even in his Montreal days was industrious in the circulation of fac-similes, so-called, and the term, "Montreal counterfeits," became a by-word and a reproach years ago. As a dealer and as a writer, Mr. Taylor became a personality in philately and though he had many detractors, yet ever a few friends seemed to rally to the support of Mr. Taylor, claiming that he was a brilliant philatelist, even though misguided. The cities of Boston and New York were the scenes of S. Allen Taylor's exploits, as well as the other two cities, previously mentioned.

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Traveling.—On his way to Philadelphia, Mr. B. W. H. Poole, a luminary of the WEEKLY staff spent a week in Chicago, where many of the city's collectors availed themselves of the opportunity to meet him. Mr. Poole was invited to express himself on different philatelic topics and it is interesting to know that his seasoned observations were favorable to philately, present and future. On what may be called abstract questions such as specialism, etc., Mr. Poole holds opinions that are liberal and refreshing. While a keen student of stamps in their niceties, Mr. Poole does not advise advanced stamp dissection for those who do not incline temperamentally to such things; and he thinks that the harmony with which the specialist and the generalist pursue their ways should not be disturbed. Mr. Poole interposes a word for the old issues which comes opportunely at this time when the new issue seems to be the favorite of the spot-light. He strikes a responsive chord when he speaks of the solid claims for consideration possessed by the old-timers. The traditions of the old stamp give it a dignity that time deepens and if one wanted to bring forth a material argument, it could be said that the speculative opportunities that the "classics" present are not to be excelled. We may add that Mr. Poole is sanguine over the prospects for continued prosperity in philately, come what may; and he never expects to see the time when the engaging, rational pursuit will not be free, relatively speaking, from the aches and ills of our old planet.

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II. 1877.—Pale blue and bright rose red. Both colors are often quite similar to I, though the blue is generally paler. The impression stands out less boldly. The red is at times heavily inked, producing quite a deep shade. The paper is less transparent than I and III. Smooth brown gum. Unknown in blocks.

III. 1879.—Pale blue and lilac rose. The latter is rather a pale shade, approaching I in this respect. The blue is much lighter than I, but resembles the lighter impression of II. Paper transparent. Smooth yellowish gum. The first three printings are quite distinct from colors of all later ones, especially the red. Rare unused. Blocks are unknown.

Medium Thick Paper.

IV. 1882.—Blue and carmine lake. A very distinct printing on account of the deep color of the oval. Heavy impression. The imperforates are of this printing. (Scott 6d.) It is believed that there were two sheets of 100 of same. Slightly crackly brownish gum. Rather rare, perforated blocks are unknown.

V. 1885.—Pale blue gray and dull rose red. Color of oval approaches I, of border VI, but paler than any other. Clear impression. Smooth whitish gum. (Scott 6b.)

VI. 1888.—Grayish blue and deep dull red. The latter a deeper shade than in V, its nearest approach. This consignment must have arrived in bad condition as the entire lot evidently had to be soaked. It is never found with original gum, but small supplies were regummed locally. Ungummed sheets were still in stock at the Christianstad Post Office in 1902. (Scott 6.)

VII. 1892.—Bright blue and rose red. The bright shade of blue which readily distinguishes this printing from all others, otherwise VI is its nearest approach. Heavily printed, the frame at times somewhat blurred. Rather smooth yellow brown gum.

Thick Paper.

VIII. 1897.—Deep gray blue and bright red. Distinguished by the glossy impression of both, especially the border, latter rather heavily printed. Three or four sheets of this printing received the first surcharge "2 cents 1902". Colors resemble VI. Crackly nearly white gum.

4 Cents, Sept., 1873-1901.

This value was little used and there were only three printings. Supplies of the second were still on hand in 1900.

I. 1873.—Brown and deep ultramarine. Clear and distinct impression, strong shades. Thin transparent paper, smooth brownish gum. Rare in blocks. (Scott 7b.)

II. 1881.—Yellowish brown and pale dull blue. Rather weak colors. Thin or medium thick paper. Crackly yellowish gum.

III. 1890.—Yellowish or deep yellowish brown and bright blue. The blue seems to vary somewhat in shade as the inking was not uniform. Pale shades resemble II rather closely. Thin or medium thick paper. Crackly yellowish gum. Diagonal halves were used as 2c stamps in 1902.

5 Cents, Oct., 1876-1896.

Thin Paper.

I. 1876.—Pale green and gray. Border rather heavily printed. Smooth yellowish gum.

II. 1879.—Bright yellow green and gray. Border printing clear and well defined. Crackly yellowish gum.

Medium Thick Paper.

III. 1880.—Light green and gray. Strong well defined impression of both colors, similar to 1c V and 10c III. Smooth yellowish gum. (Scott 5)

IV. 1889.—Pale yellow green and deep gray. Green impressions not strong nor well defined. Closely resembles first printing of 5c perf. 12½. Yellowish gum, slightly crackly. Unused this is the commonest. (Scott 5a.)

V. 1890.—Yellow green and deep gray. Distinguished by the blurred heavy impression of the border. Rather smooth yellowish gum. Scarce unused, especially in Europe. The writer has seen only one block of four.

VI. 1893.—Bright green and gray. Glossy printing similar to 1c VIII, 3c VIII and 10c VI. Crackly whitish gum.

7 Cents, June, 1874-1896.

I. 1874.—Lilac and deep yellow. Thin paper. Smooth yellowish gum.

II. 1886 (?).—Lilac and orange. The shade of lilac varies considerably and is generally a pale reddish tint. The deep shade is quite scarce. Thin or medium thick paper. Crackly yellowish gum. There was little use for a 7c stamp and cancelled copies, especially of the second printing, are scarce. This value was withdrawn from sale in July, 1896. The total number issued was 350,000.

10 Cents, Oct., 1876-1901.

Thin Paper.

I. 1876.—Grayish blue and dark brown. The shade, especially of the border, varies considerably from a grayish to a slightly lilac tint. The style of impression is rather uniform. Distinguished by the thin and generally transparent paper. Yellowish gum, slightly crackly.

Medium Thick Paper.

II. 1882.—Bright blue and black brown. Readily recognized by the bright almost ultramarine shade of blue. Rather smooth yellowish gum. This printing is very rare unused. Blocks or even pairs are unknown.

III. 1887.—Dull blue and brown. Distinguished by the bold rather heavy impression which characterizes the 1c V and 5c III. Yellowish gum, slightly crackly.

IV. 1889.—Gray and dark brown. Marked shade easily distinguished from all others by the light colored gray border. Smooth yellowish gum.

V. 1896.—Gray blue and black brown. Rather heavy impression of border. Another distinct shade. This printing (like 3c VI) is not found with original gum, but part of the stock seems to have been regummed for use. Remained on sale until about 1903, as stamps without gum were naturally unpopular. (Scott 10a.)

VI. 1898.—Dull blue and brown. Printed in glossy ink similar to 1c VIII, 3c VIII and 5c VI. Rather a light shade

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I. 1876.—Gray lilac and deep green. Thin paper. Smooth yellowish gum.

II. 1878.—Red lilac, yellow green. Also pale red lilac. This printing was on sale for 27 years and is found on thin transparent and medium thick paper. The latter is very scarce, but is found with both shades of red lilac. Used copies are many times rarer than unused. Withdrawn from sale June, 1905. Issue 301,000 12c stamps.

14 Cents, 1873.

One printing.—Lilac, deep green. Of this stamp originally 100,000 were issued, but by a change of postage rates the 14c became superfluous and the remainders (nearly 90,000) were destroyed Nov. 1, 1877. It has always been a scarce stamp, especially in well centered condition. The shade of lilac varies slightly. Several blocks repose in American collections.

50 Cents, July 1879-1905.

I. 1879.—Violet, dull violet, bright violet. Paper thin or medium thick. Smooth yellowish gum. This printing remained on sale 26 years. Having been printed in a rather sensitive color, it is natural that several marked shades exist. Even the paper gradually assumed a toned appearance. A portion of the stock was surcharged "10 CENTS 1895" to supply a shortage.

II. 1885 (?).—Pale lilac. Thick paper. About 1885 and quite probably earlier this second printing made its appearance. The supply must have been quite small as it lasted but a short time, while the first printing remained in use for many years longer. It is not evident why a second printing was made when there was such a large stock on hand. Used copies are very rare, but we have seen a copy dated in 1885. Three or four blocks of four exist in this country.

1 Cent on 7 Cents, May, 1887.

This surcharge is found on both printings which are almost equally rare. Used copies are quite scarce. The real double surcharge we have seen only on the second printing, but strongly shifted impressions come on both printings.



10 Cents on 1 Cent, 1895.

This stamp was never on sale though cancelled copies have been seen and it should be considered in the nature of an essay or proof. It is found on VIII printing with "10" in regular size as issued on the 50c and also in smaller type corresponding with date "1895" of surcharge. Quite likely it was considered dangerous to raise the value of a current 1c stamp to 10c and the 50c then took its place. This stamp is well worthy of a place in the specialist's collection.

10 Cents on 50 Cents, 1895.

The various shades and two thicknesses of paper found in the second printing appear also surcharged. There are several minor type varieties of the surcharge, such as narrow "9", narrow "5", thin or short flag on "5", etc.



PERFORATION 12½.

Thick paper, white crackly gum.

1898. 1c.—Green and reddish violet. One printing.

1898. 3c.—Dark blue and deep red. One printing.

1901. 4c.—Yellow brown and slate blue. One printing.

1896. 5c.—Pale yellow green and gray. First printing.

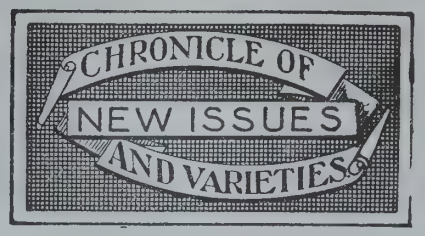
1899. 5c.—Yellow green and gray. Second printing.

1901. 10c.—Dull blue and brown. One printing.

According to a decree of Feb. 10, 1903, the 4c was permitted to be used diagonally bisected as a 2 cent stamp. Some copies perf. 14x13½ were included among those passed through the mails.

Changes in rates of postage in 1902 resulted in the surcharging of a supply of 3c and 10c stamps. The first printing was placed on sale Jan. 1, 1902, and was made locally. Much could be said about the numerous varieties of the surcharges but they are hardly within the scope of this treatise. At least two sheets were surcharged experimentally with date "1901." This date comes in two sizes of type. One of these corresponds with the regularly issued "1902" size and the other is larger, similar to "2" and "CENTS." Among the supplies imported by a New York firm was found one sheet surcharged in a greenish black type. This is an interesting variety, but not entitled to a full number in the catalogue nor a space in a printed album. Even the designation "green" surcharge is stretching a point to some extent.

Among the supplies surcharged were three sheets of the last printing perf. 14x13½. One sheet was bought by a Boston dealer at St. Thomas and each stamp numbered consecutively in black ink on back.



Edited by MILTON P. LYONS, JR.

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address Milton P. Lyons, Jr., 1631 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—Through the courtesy of C. Edward Wright we are able to present some interesting information for U. S. collectors. He advises us that the 30c value will not appear on unwatermarked paper with 10 perforation.

The 50c stamp unwatermarked, perforated 10, was issued March 2.

On March 23 the following values were issued on unwatermarked paper with 11 perforation, 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 6c.

And last but not least according to Mr. Wright and W. P. Colman, the $2 and $5 of the 1902 issue, appeared on unwatermarked paper, March 22, perforated 10. The $5 is in a much lighter shade of green than the original issue. This reissue is presumably prompted by the very heavy shipments by first class mail of merchandise and even machinery, especially to Russia. It has been stated that a package recently shipped had postage stamps upon it to the value of $90.

BELGIUM.—*Scott's Circular* says: "A correspondent informs us that a new series of stamps is in preparation and will shortly be placed on sale. We regret to hear this. When the 1915 issue of postage and parcel post stamps appeared collectors overlooked the fact that there was practically no chance to use the stamps and bought liberally of them to help a good cause. We fear that they will not regard another issue as favorably."

BOSNIA.—It is reported that a new series is about to be or has already been placed in use by this country; the set comprises eighteen values, including some new denominations caused by a change of tariffs. *Scott's Circular* mentions having received the following values, perforated 12½:

15h carmine rose.
80h organge brown.
90h dark violet.

Designs are very similar to the 1912-14 issue. We presume in the near future a further set bearing the new Emperor's features will be placed in use.

CANADA.—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred reports a new value in the war tax strip stamps, a 20c in type 2, recently described in this column. This value was not issued in the original type. These stamps are war tax pure and simple and not ordinary revenues. We quote Mrs. Oughtred: "In Canada the strip stamps are the only ones wine dealers are permitted to use. I read a notice today in the Inland Revenue Office that wine dealers using the square stamps would be prosecuted for so doing and that postage stamps might be used but only in cases where it was absolutely impossible to get the strip stamps. This statement was supplemented with the information that such could never be the case in Montreal. The square stamps are for proprietary medicines and mixtures."

Mrs. Oughtred calls our attention to the fact that we omitted to give the color of the new post card, 1c green no inscription, and further adds, "There are three types of King George post cards, viz:—

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DANISH WEST INDIES.—Of the new stamps with portrait of Christian X, only the 5 and 25 bit have been brought actually into use, but 500 of each of the other denominations (10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50 bit), were received from Denmark early in January, and were sold out in two hours, no purchaser being allowed to have more than two sets. As the islands have been sold to the United States, these stamps will be extremely rare if no further issue should be made. —*Whitfield King's List.*

DOMINICA.—Through courtesy of J. A. Galbraith we have seen the 1sh green "View of Dominica" printed in fugitive ink.

GRENADA.—The ½d and 1d stamps in the new shades were due for distribution this month, but the remittance we sent out for these has been returned, the Postmaster stating that he had no ½d or 1d stamps in stock. No information was given as to when fresh supplies were expected nor how the shortage of ½d stamps was being made good, but as the registered letter we received was prepaid wholly by means of War Tax stamps, we assume these are being used as ordinary penny postage stamps for the time being. —*Whitfield King's List.*

MONTSERRAT.—"The *Colonial Journal* announces that on the 31st of March all stamps of issues preceding the 1916 series, with the portrait of King George, will be withdrawn from circulation and destroyed."—*Scott's Circular.*

NAURU.—*Griebert's Notes and Offers* is responsible for the statement that Australian stamps with overprint "N. W. Pacific Islands" are said to be obsolete, having been superseded by the series issued from Nauru.

PANAMA.—We have recently chronicled three varieties of stamps just issued for various purposes, one of which was a provisional 5 on 8c adhesive. F. Heintze, Cartago, Costa Rica, was in Panama when this stamp was issued and states that on each sheet of one hundred there was one stamp with the surcharge inverted.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—We have been shown an exhibit of war stamps issued by this colony, thanks to J. A. Galbraith. These stamps are overprinted in one line WAR STAMP, the 1 penny carmine and the 3 pence purple being used. The 3d is on lemon yellow trial paper and this stamp as well as the 1p are from plate 1, as per article in MEKEEL'S, March 24. Mr. Galbraith submits sheets of the 1p and 3d with plate number 5. On the 3d are two varieties. The sixth stamp in the seventh row on each pane has a period between the letters ND. It joins the N and is no doubt due to some foreign substance becoming attached to the plate. The first stamp in the eighth row on each pane shows a broken A in ISLANDS, making an interesting variety.

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There was much interest shown over the Research Cup and the exhibits entered made it a difficult task for the judges to place the cup. H. S. Wheeler's collection of specialized Austria was almost perfect, but on the final count it was found that R. C. Munroe's Hongkong collection was just a shade better and the cup was awarded to him. D. T. Churchill's collection of Canada was without a doubt the most beautiful and most artistically arranged collection in the exhibit. The attendance at this second exhibition was far greater than it was at the first, which was very gratifying to the committee. The Board of Judges consisted of George H. Newhall, Chairman, Mayor of the City of Lynn; Rev. Edward E. Small, of the Broadway M. E. Church, Lynn; Hugo Meyer, Portland; C. A. Howes, Boston; A. M. Wright, Boston; W. L. Aldrich, Boston. The Committee in charge was E. L. Clark, Chairman, E. W. Bridge, Secretary, M. B. Clark, Treasurer, G. H. Brown, M. L. Johnson, W. C. Emory, C. R. Meech and S. L. Jewett. The ribbons were awarded as follows:—

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The cup for the best exhibit in Section 1 was awarded to M. B. Clark for his collection of German Empire. Per cent. 92 out of 100. The cup for the best exhibit in Section 2 was awarded to J. S. Bell, Jr., for his collection of Danish West Indies. Per cent 92½. The cup presented by the Springfield Stamp Club for the exhibit showing the most meritorious and original research was won by R. C. Munroe of Springfield for his collection of Hongkong. The cup presented by the American Philatelic Press Club for the best philatelic journal or monograph was won by the Nassau Stamp Co. for the *Philatelic Gazette*.

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25	..	.30
25a	..	.30
27	.45	..
32	.05	.0½
32a	1.00	..
33	.07	.0½
33A, small tear	..	**2.00**
34	.15*	.0½
34a	.50	.03
34B	**3.00**	..
35	.50	.04
36	1.00	
38	.40	.02
39	.40	..
39a	1.00	..
40	.03*	.02
40B	..	**3.00**
41	.30	.02
42	.06	.0½
42a	.35	.03
42B	**13.50**	**bl'k 4**
42B	..	**3.00**
43	.15	.02
43A	**3.50**	
44	.35	.04
44	1.50	strp 4
44A	**4.00**	
45	1.00	.16
45a	.75	.14
45b	.85	.16
45C	**3.25**	
40-45	1.75	.25
46	.30	.08
47	.60	.12
48	.60	.04
48a	1.00	.06
48aB	**3.50**	
49	.50	.03
49a	.75*	.04
46-49a	2.75	.30
50	.25*	.25
51	.04*	.02
52	.06*	.04
53	.06*	.02
54	.12*	.08
55	.55*	.55
56	.25*	.15
57	.30	.18
58	.30*	.30
59	.35*	.30
60	.75	.25
61	.90	bit't'r
62	2.30	.90
50-60	2.50	1.80
66	.02*	.01
67	.03	.0½
68	.04*	.0½
69	.05*	.0½
70	.08*	.01
71	.15*	.09
72	.15*	.04
73	.30*	.22
66-73	.75	.35
74	.02*	.01*
75	.03*	.0½
76	.03*	.0½
77	.05*	.0½
78	.07*	.0½
79	.23*	.20
80	.16*	.12
81	.22*	.04
74-81	.75*	.35
82*-86*, each	.04	.0½
82-86, all	.17	.02
87		.15
88	.12*	.03
89-95		.22
95		.12
96	.03*	.02½*
97	.03*	.01½
98	.05*	.01
99	.10	.06
100	.16	.08
101	.28	.12
102	.30	.18
103	.40	.35
96-103	1.25	.75
104-108	.30*	.04
109	.25	.02
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104-110	1.10	.10
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CHAPTER XIII.—*Issues of 1905-1910.*

The 5 cent stamp issued from 1898 to 1905 had proved a source of annoyance in regard to its color, the original "flesh" or "salmon" tint having deepened until it was in danger of confusion with the 2 cent, and then swung the other way into orange and yellow, where it was liable to confusion with the 1 cent stamp. Orders were therefore finally given to print it in violet and it was issued in this color on July 10, 1905. Even then it could not wholly drop its chamelion-like nature and many fine shades from lilac-brown to blue-violet can be found. In all other respects save color the stamp remained as before.

On October 1, 1907, the "Rome Convention" rearrangement of Postal Union tariffs came into force. As recognition of the Union rates of postage forms the basis of every postal agreement China has entered into with foreign countries. Though not then a member of the Postal Union, she undertook to give effect to the new rules so far as circumstances would allow. She adopted the 20 gram unit for single weight international letters at 10 cents local currency, and the reduced rate at 6 cents local currency for additional units of weight, although her local unit of letter weight was but 15 grams. To facilitate prepayment of double weight international letters, therefore, a stamp of the value of 16 cents was ordered of Messrs. Waterlow & Sons. This was engraved in the second design of the then current series, showing the carp in the center, and was issued in an olive green color on October 1, 1907. In printing, sheet arrangement, etc., it conforms to the companion values of the series. The inscriptions show *i chiao* or "1 dime" in the right upper corner and *lu fên* or "6 cents" in the left upper corner.

The "Report on the Post Office" for 1908 says:—

"Some modifications were made in the colors hitherto adopted for Chinese postage stamps, with a view to bring them into accord with the conventional colors of the Union for international rates: the 10-cent stamp (25 centimes) was changed from green to blue, and the 2-cent (5 centimes) from red to green. Since the first January, 1909, the new-color stamps are exclusively used for these values. Another stamp, of the value of 4 cents (10 centimes) will also be changed in color during the present year [1909] from brown to red. The large supply of brown 4-cent stamps now on hand makes the change in color inadvisable for the present." The report for 1909 states: "The 4-cent (10 centimes) stamp was issued in its new color (vermilion) and the former color (brown) discontinued from the 1st January 1910."

The dates given above—January 1, 1909 for the 2 and 10 cent stamps and January 1, 1910 for the 4 cent stamps, are those on which the old colors became invalid. The dates of issue of the new colors are October 20, 1908, for the 2 cent, green, and approximately the same date for the 10 cents, ultramarine. The 4 cents, scarlet, appeared in November, 1909, but the exact date is not at hand.

On March 26, 1910, two new values of the regular series were provided, a 3 cent stamp to accommodate the letter postage to Japan, and a .7 cent stamp to facilitate the payment of domestic registered letters—two cents for the single letter rate and five cents for registration. The 3 cent stamp seems to have been printed at first in a greenish slate, which is somewhat scarce, and a deep blue green; but its usual shade is between these two and might be termed a dark gray green. The 7 cent stamp was printed in a handsome shade of maroon. These two new values were engraved like the others of the then current set in the first of the three designs—the one with the dragon in the central circle. In paper and perforation they likewise conform to their companions, but in sheet arrangement they differ, being in sheets of 100, ten rows of ten.

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CHAPTER XIV.—*The Commemorative Issue of 1910.*

In Chapter III, we noted the death of the Emperor, on November 14, 1908, after a reign of thirty-four years under the "style" or "reign name" of *Kuang Hsü* or "Glorious Succession". On the same day his little two and a half year old nephew, named *Pu Yi,* was proclaimed Emperor under the "reign name" of *Hsüan T'ung* or "Extended Rule", the designation intending to imply that his rule would embrace all of his subjects in an equal manner, in view of the constitutional reforms demanded.

Early the next year it began to be rumored that there would be a special issue of stamps to commemorate the new reign. A letter of inquiry to the Imperial Post Office brought the following reply:—

The Imperial Administration has decided to commemorate the accession to the throne of His Majesty, the Emperor Hsüan T'ung by the issue of three stamps of the respective values of 2 cents, 3 cents and 7 cents. These stamps will be oblong instead of square and be printed in two colours: all three will have a yellow border, this being the Imperial colour in China, and the central picture, which will represent the "Temple of Heaven," the sacred edifice for Imperial sacrifices in Peking, will be green, blue, and purple, according to value. The issue will be strictly limited to one million of the 3 and 7 cents and two millions of the 2 cents.

The Official Circular announcing the issue was as follows:—

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5. Any unsold stock on the 1st October, 1910, is to be returned to the Statistical Secretary, a special report being made to Peking of the quantities then disposed of. A nil statement is to be sent in the event of all the stamps being sold.

By Order,
[Signed] T. PIRY,
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Inspectorate General of Posts,
Peking, 17th May, 1909.

Although the above circular was dated in May, the stamps were not actually issued until September 8, 1909. The Post Office report for 1909 says: "The new issue of commemoration stamps created a record for the sale of stamps in Shanghai, $14,000 worth being disposed of in one and a half hours. [This was *one-tenth* of the total face value of the issue.] Supplies were sent to all postal establishments, and it can be truly said that these stamps commemorating the accession of His Imperial Majesty, *Hsüan T'ung,* have been exhibited and placed for sale in all parts of the Empire." As far as we are aware, paragraph 5 of the circular was needless, as the issue was quickly disposed of. Special attention is directed to paragraph 3 as the *raison d'être* of the issue stated in its simplest terms!

The stamps present a handsome appearance, being line engraved. The name of the makers, WATERLOW & SONS, LIMITED, LONDON, appears in minute letters just beneath each stamp. The oblong frame is uniformly printed in orange. A rampant dragon appears at each side of the central picture with the *chu* or "pearl", at the top of the frame. Just beneath this is "Chinese Empire" and below again "Hsüan T'ung First Year." There are four circles at each side, containing Chinese characters, those at the right being *Ta Ch'ing Yu Chêng,* or "Imperial Chinese Postal Service", and those at the left being *Hsüan T'ung Yüan Nien* or, "Hsüan T'ung First Year." In the upper right corner is the Chinese numeral, *erh, san* or *ch'i* (2, 3 or 7) with *fên* (cents) in the upper left hand corner. The value in English is plainly expressed at the bottom.

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side of the main roadway leading from the south gate of the "Chinese City" of Peking to the main gate of the "Tartar City" at the north. The enclosure contains two altars about a quarter of a mile apart, each on a circular triple terrace of white marble, elaborately carved. The open altar is dedicated to the sun and the covered altar, the one pictured, to the moon. Here, at midnight of the winter solstice, the Emperor, after due fasting and prayer, was accustomed to worship *Shang-ti*, the "Supreme Ruler", with prayer, hymns, prostrations, and burnt-offerings of oxen, sheep, hares, etc., and of silk, jade, and other precious things. The open Altar of the Sun is larger, but the Altar of the Moon has erected over it a lofty, circular, triple-roofed temple, 99 feet in height, roofed with blue porcelain tiles, the eaves painted in brilliant colors and protected from the birds by a wire netting. The ceiling is covered with gilded dragons in high relief and the whole is supported by immense pillars. The building was struck by lightning in 1889 and burned, but was restored during the ten years that followed, Oregon pine being used for the pillars.

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(To be continued.)

THE USE OF CREDIT SLIPS.

By F. W. Wilson.

(We are quite agreed with our correspondent in his statement that the use of credit slips is an abuse that should be corrected. No dealer should retain money sent him with the idea of compelling further patronage. If stamps offered in our columns have been sold, money sent for the same should be returned, and if any of our subscribers have grievances in this direction, write for a refund of money sent and if reply to the letter is not forthcoming, report the facts to us.—Ed.)

There is an abuse, perpetrated by stamp dealers advertising in your paper that should be corrected. I have been sending many orders to dealers, but I am through. Hereafter, they will get their money on delivery of goods ordered, rather than in advance, and the reason is the following:—

Four dealers that I have sent orders to, accompanied with cash in full for stamps ordered, have kept part of my money, placing it to my credit as they term it, because they did not have in stock goods ordered, notwithstanding they advertised the specific items I ordered.

None of these dealers have sent me any approval sheets from which I could take off goods to the value of the money they are withholding from me. They simply put it up to me to get my money back the best way I can. In two cases, I closed out my accounts by taking stamps I did not want, as it seemed to be the only way to force a balance. In the other cases, the dealers still have my money. One man has held part of my remittance since February 15, and the other since February 19th. The amounts are too small to bring suits for settlement, so I presume I must lose.

I think stamp dealers, who pretend to be honest, should return any money sent them in answer to ads when they cannot fill orders submitted. Those that do not do it deserve the loss of trade. The four that I have discovered by experience to be guilty of the practice of "holding out" on customers have lost my trade anyhow.

Wont you publish this in the Weekly. Subscribers have a right to be warned of this practice on the part of dealers. I am very glad to say that all dealers advertising in your papers do not resort to this kind of business.

MISUSE OF SALE CHARACTERS.

By P. M. Wolsieffer.

I note an article from the pen of J. W. Coonan, Nyack, New York, complaining about the misuse of characters in auction sale catalogs. I think that Mr. Coonan's comments are not justified, because the various concerns who conduct auction sales do not differ very materially in the use of such characters.

From the time that I can first recall receiving a price-list, to say nothing of an auction sale catalog, I have always noticed that unused stamps were designated by a star, and all stamps without any character were supposed to be used or cancelled specimens.

When I began writing up auction sales, which is so very long ago that most of the present day readers of Mekeel's Weekly will not remember it, I always placed a star in the front of any lot in which the stamp was either unused, or the bulk of the value of a combination lot was unused. If the lot was a used or cancelled specimen, or the greater value of the stamps in said lot were used or cancelled, I used the circle.

I am very sure that the majority of the auction concerns use a star for unused, and if they do not use the circle for used lots, they state in a paragraph in the catalog that all lots are used excepting those designated with a star.

I have never seen a price-list or auction catalog in which the circles were used for unused stamps. Neither have I seen a price-list or auction catalog in which the conductor of said sale used a square to designate unused stamps. I have yet to see any circular or catalog advertising stamps, in which unused stamps have been designated by any other character excepting a star. Possibly there may be some small concern, conducted by the youthful element, that is just starting in business that may have indulged in this practice, but no well-known concern of good repute has conflicted with the general understanding of present day collecting, that a star designates unused or uncancelled stamps, and a circle designates used or cancelled specimens.

In the olden days it was customary to place the star designating unused stamps wherever the description of the stamp occurred in the line or paragraph, but I adopted the principle of always placing the character in front of the line, next to the lot number, so that a bidder would know if he was bidding on a used or an unused lot.

I think that Mr. Coonan's contention for a uniform code is uncalled for, because all of the well-known and bona-fide public auction concerns follow out this principle.

MR. POOLE IN PHILADELPHIA.

The East welcomes Mr. Poole.

Hereafter the Franklin Stamp Co. of Philadelphia, as will be noted elsewhere in this issue, will have the services of our well-known contributor, B. W. H. Poole. We congratulate the Franklin Stamp Co. upon having added Mr. Poole to their staff and feel very positive that he will strengthen in many ways the resources of the firm.

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TWENTY-FOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The well-known Washington dealer, Willard P. Colman, further evidences his interest in our publication by sending in twenty-four new six months subscriptions to the WEEKLY. Most of these are from collectors who have answered his advertisements in other publications and he is sending the WEEKLY as a premium to a selected list of customers. Mr. Colman writes:—

"I would like to see them become more interested in our hobby and I know of no better way than to have the WEEKLY call on them during the next six months." As will be seen by our report elsewhere in this issue, Mr. Colman now has a total of sixty-six new six months' subscriptions sent in since October 1.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Virgin—The change of name of the Danish West Indies to the Virgin Islands of the United States has been certified to by the postmaster general at Washington, in the following announcement, the terms of which are effective March 31, 1917:

"Section 395, Postal Laws and Regulations, is amended as follows, so as to extend the domestic rates of postage and conditions to mail exchanged between the Virgin Islands of the United States (these islands embrace Saint Thomas, Saint John, Saint Croix, and adjacent islands, formerly known as the Danish West Indies) and the United States and its other possessions, effective March 31, 1917.

Sec. 395. The domestic rates of postage and conditions apply to mail addressed for local delivery, or for transmission from one place to another within the United States, or to or from or between the possessions of the United States, and to that for transmission to or from the United States or its possessions and officers or members of crews of United States naval vessels, and to or from the United States postal agency at Shanghai, China, and to officers and men of the United States Navy in the United States Naval Hospital at Yokohama, Japan. The term "United States and its possessions" includes Porto Rico, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, Guam, Tutuila and Manua Islands of the Samoan group, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands of the United States.

2. Postage stamped paper of the Danish West Indies outstanding in the hands of the public will be recognized for payment of postage on matter mailed in the Virgin Islands of the United States."

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Hard—From Mr. John C. Hunt, Bedford Hills, New York, we have received the following letter: "I was interested in your article in the issue of March 3, 1917, on hard paper in the 1879 issue, especially as you give credit to the author as an original discoverer. You may or may not recall that I wrote you some three years ago on this subject stating that I had two copies each of the one and of the three cent values on hard paper and all showing the imprint at top, so that when they are placed side by side, I have the full imprint. These stamps all were seen by Messrs. Klemann and Luff and the paper pronounced undoubtedly hard. You acknowledged my letter but paid no attention to the contents in your paper. These stamps are not rare, as I know of a number of collectors that have them." The interest carried by a piece of this kind would ensue that the stamps would be mentioned, under routine circumstances, and we cannot imagine how the stamps could have been ignored. As a foreword to Mr. Wiley's article, we said: "While not the first to bring forth the American print on hard paper, yet Mr. Wiley qualifies as an original discoverer to all intents and purposes." We should have expressed the thought that although the existence of American hard paper prints was already established, yet Mr. Wiley was not aware that they were of record. In the issue of the WEEKLY dated February 21st, 1914, Mr. L. C. Hassler, Louisville, told of his discovery of the American Bank Note Co. imprint on hard paper and of the Continental Bank Note Co. imprint on soft paper. We may add that Mr. Hassler has the seven cent on soft paper, printed by the Continental Bank Note Company or printed by the American Bank Note Company from the Continental plate.

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Afterthought—Several weeks ago, in an editorial paragraph, we spoke of having been asked to edit an American edition of "Who's Who in Philately," and judging from several inquiries that have reached us, we omitted an important part of the announcement: We declined the opportunity. Another phase of the editorial is now reflected in the following paragraph which should have accompanied the remarks in the paper of March 24th: "We never should have written the foregoing remarks if it had not been that recently we were indulging in boastful words of our retentive memory, when an old-timer who had backslidden but had again accepted the philatelic faith said that he could name five persons of long ago, whom we would not remember in their philatelic connection, albeit that *he* did. He asked who were the following gentlemen of his generation, whom he recalled: Bradford, Whilden, Baitzell, Hubbard and Raymond. We reeled off the following identifications of the men, all of whom flourished from 1885 to 1890. Bradford of Illinois was a secretary of the American Philatelic Society who in his official capacity was vigorously attacked by Corwin, during one of the periods of turbulence that the society has survived. Whilden was a philatelist of Atlanta, Georgia, who was much interested in the idea of a national organization in 1885 or thereabouts and who gave currency to his plans in the philatelic press. Baitzell was a dealer in Baltimore who made something of a specialty of entire United States envelopes. Hubbard published a stamp paper in New Hampshire and Raymond was a brilliant young man in Chicago, who published the *Collectors' Companion* in 1885-86, so capably as to merit favorable recognition generally. It may be added that Mr. Raymond became prominent in the general business field later.

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Rewarded—Speaking of the successful careers of whilom philatelic editors, one of the most impressive examples is afforded us in the history of the past week, when Mr. A. W. Shaw was named head of the new United States board of economy. To be chosen as principal of this board of federal commercial economy is an honor of eminent degree. Mr. Shaw's publication, *System*, has done much to make him a factor nationally. It was just about twenty years ago when Mr. Shaw was qualifying as a philatelic editor for a position in the publishing world at large. It was in 1896 that the Shaw Stamp and Coin Company started the *Philatelic Weekly* at Jackson, Michigan, and during the months of August and September of that year issued four numbers of the weekly in question. We remember the weekly as a deserving and progressive publication and we should say that it was in philatelic journalism that Mr. A. Wilkinson Shaw cut his eye-teeth.

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Honest—A man entered the precincts of the stamp shop with an apologetic air. Addressing the dealer, he said: "I have a stamp collection here that has been stowed away in our attic for many years. I think that there are a lot of rare stamps in it that are valuable, but as I do not know one stamp from another, I cannot put a price on the collection, which may be worth one dollar or one hundred dollars." After looking over the pages carefully, the dealer said that he would give three dollars for the book and after expressing some disappointment, the caller accepted the amount. "It was a fair offer," smiled the dealer. It was.

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Transfer—We have been informed by Mr. H. L. Lindquist that his paper, the *Collectors' Journal*, has been sold to Mr. J. E. Guest of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the sales manager of the Southern Philatelic Association. Mr. Lindquist started the *Collectors' Journal* at Chicago over six years ago and it was not long before it had been developed into one of the foremost exponents of philately. We can bear testimony to the fact that the columns of our contemporary furnished reading matter of a high grade and in the aggregate, the quantity of original matter of value given to readers makes a high score. Mr. Lindquist has served his followers well and he may feel serene in the satisfaction that follows the task that is well done. Our regret at the retirement of Mr. Lindquist from the philatelic field is tempered by the thought that the *Collectors' Journal* has been placed in the hands of Mr. Guest, who, we feel safe in saying, will ably uphold the best traditions of the *Collectors' Journal*, which we have come to look upon as a fixture.

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Safety—We once said: What profiteth it a collector to save a few cents in buying his hinges and lose many dollars through their fault. Good hinges have been of incalculable benefit to philately and the tribe of thin-spots does not increase in ratio to the number of stamps. Yet, and this is what we want to say, every now and then a perfectly reliable hinge, as a rule, goes on a tantrum and becomes adamant when coaxed to let go; and if patience is not exercised, the stamp is spoiled to some extent.

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Perhaps—A man who was being shown a collection pointed to the ninety cent, 1869, and said that he remembered that stamp. Gentle doubt was expressed by the collector but the man averred that he had sent a big batch of pension papers to Washington from Boston on which the postage was ninety cents or more and that he well remembered it for its tax on his purse.

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CHAPTER XIV.—*Printing Processes.*

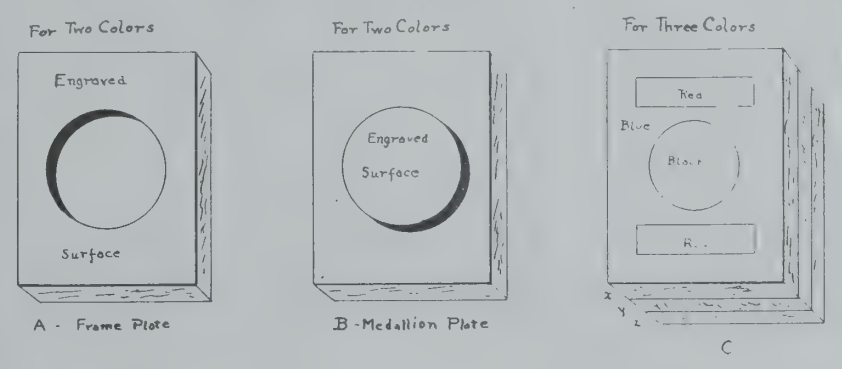
If the reader will take two pieces of cardboard each about the thickness of a coin, fasten a coin on one of them, which we will designate "B," and cut a round hole through the other—"A"—just large enough to fit the coin, he will have a fair idea of how a single unit on each pair of plates looked when they were ready for inking. The card "A" corresponds to a frame plate while the card "B" corresponds to a medallion plate. Each frame plate contained as many holes and each medallion plate contained as many bosses as there were stamps on the sheet which they were to print. Now suppose we imagine one face of card "A" inked with blue and the face of the coin on card "B" inked in black and place the two cards together faces up so that the coin fits into the hole in card "A". By taking an impression from the face of card "A" we would obtain a print in two colors, for the face of the coin on card "B" is exactly flush with the face of card "A" and card "A" appears and would print as a single plate—card "A" itself printing the blue frame of the stamp while the boss, which seems to be a part of card "A" but is really part of card "B," prints the black portrait.

It was necessary to provide forms for properly inking the plates and each time a sheet of stamps was printed the two plates had to be taken apart, inked, and put together again. The $200 and $500 stamps required three plates each—one for each color—and it was possible to print in four or even more colors at one operation by increasing the number of plates. The process was much slower than printing in one color, or than printing in two colors by two impressions in the usual manner, but from the standpoint of stamp lovers it had one very great advantage—*every medallion must come exactly in register.*

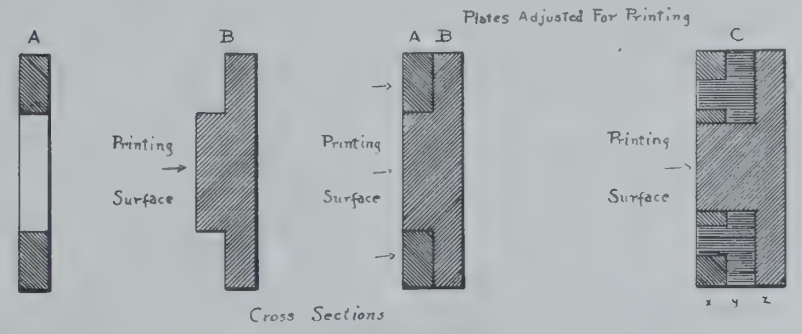
When stamps are printed in two colors by the usual process it is almost impossible to exactly center or "register" the medallions. Even if they register on some stamps of a sheet they may be high or low or to one side on other stamps on the same sheet. Any postage stamp collector who has attempted to get the high values of the U. S. 1869 set well registered knows how frequently the medallions are off center, lapping over on the frames. The Pan-American set of 1901 is another good example. By the Earle and Steele process though, only perfect registering could be produced—in no case could even the slightest part of a medallion lap over on a frame.

How then can we explain why so many of the second and third issue documentaries and corresponding proprietary stamps do not have perfectly registered medallions? On a large proportion of the normally printed stamps and on most of the inverted medallions—perhaps as high as 90%—the medallions lap over on the frames. Since every stamp of every sheet printed by the Earle and Steele "single printing" process must have its medallion in perfect register, it is quite obvious none of the stamps with medallions at all out of register could have been printed by that process. The writer believes that at first some of the stamps were printed at one operation, but it is not possible to prove any single stamp was so printed because perfect registering can be obtained by the ordinary two operation method. The most reasonable explanation is that the single printing process was too expensive or too bothersome and that it was soon discarded in favor of the usual two operation process.

When did this change take place? The two cent blue and black was last issued November 4, 1871 and the color of the frame was changed to orange on or



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EXPLANATORY.

A and B are single units of two-color plates shown face up separately, and in vertical section through the center both separately and joined together (A B) when ready for printing. The engraved surface of unit A contained the frame of the stamp and the portrait was engraved on the raised boss of unit B. When A is placed on B the boss on B fills the hole in A and a level printing surface is obtained.

C shows how the plates could be arranged to print three colors, x being the face plate unit, y being the middle unit and z is the back plate unit. When printing stamps each plate would contain as many sets of units as there were stamps on the sheet.

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about October 14th, immediately preceding. Off center medallions of the blue stamp exist and could not have been printed after November 4th and probably not after October 14th. The stamp also exists with medallion inverted, which the writer also considers conclusive proof of two operation printing; in fact, he believes it can be shown clearly that two operation printing was the cause of all the inverted medallions. As it is reasonable to suppose the same reason for changing the method of printing the two cent stamp would apply equally to the other values—except perhaps, the $200 and $500—it would appear that one operation printing ceased before October 14, 1871,—that is before the stamps had been in use six weeks—and therefore, that all the third issue documentaries, the black and green proprietaries on green paper—except perhaps, the 50c, $1.00 and $5.00—and a majority of the proprietaries on chameleon paper and of the second issue documentaries, were not printed by the one operation process. Copies of third issue documentaries and low value proprietaries on green paper with registered medallions may be considered accidents due to luck or care, since with careful printing it would be almost as difficult to get all medallions out of register as to get all of them registered. The 10c proprietary was not issued until July 1873, and probably does not exist as a "single print".

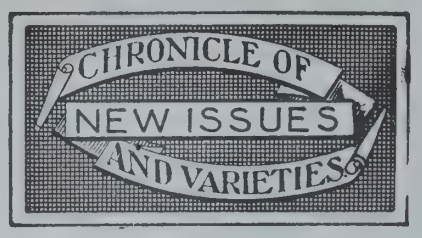
There is no doubt the inverted medallions were so printed in full sheets. A few pairs and blocks are known and more than fifty of the 2c orange and black have been found at one time when searching through bundles of cancelled checks, showing that someone had bought a sheet. Hence they were not caused by an inverted head or frame on any of the plates. Neither were they caused by placing a medallion and a frame plate together for single operation printing with one of the plates upside down. The inverted medallions came from plates containing 72 to 210 stamps and the bosses fit the holes so closely all of them might not fit in reverse position. Besides, the plates probably were equipped with a device to prevent locking them together in any other than the correct position.

This process of elimination of the possible means whereby the inverted medallions might have been produced leaves only the most probable—the inverts were produced *after* the change from one impression printing to two impression printing occurred, and when the second impressions were taken some few of the sheets were placed in the presses upside down. That so many inverts have off centered medallions is satisfactory proof all were printed at two operations.

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UNITED STATES.—C. E. Wright advises us that the 7c, 8c and 10c unwatermarked perf. 11 were put in use March 24.

There will be no special issues of the United States for the U. S. Virgin Islands. This information is contained in a letter from the P. O. Department to Harold Schoen.

ALBANIA.—We have been informed by Henry J. Perry, M. D., that an independent Albanian Government has been re-established, with seat of government at Koritza, and has issued a set of stamps, using the issue of Northern Epirus (Greek Occupation stamps, type A29), of which our correspondent has received a three lepta stamp, surcharged a double eagle and 25c in black; and a 3l. overprinted with a double eagle in blue and 25c in black and inscription "Shgipenie Korce Vetqeveritare" in black, all being contained in a frame in blue. "Shgipenie" is the native spelling of Albania.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—We are indebted to Lieutenant A. G. A. Galloway for the information that he has seen examples of the promised 2c, 50c, and 1 peso stamps in the San Martin type, replacing the Centenary issue, as forecasted in ours of October 21 last. The colours and watermark are similar, the framework of the new 2c being akin to that of the Centenary 12c, while the frame of the 1 peso is of a different pattern, and on all three values the years "1816-1916" are replaced by the currency expressed in words. Our informant understands these stamps were issued some time in January. Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a copy of the new 5c red, portrait of San Martin.—*Stamp Collecting.*

BAHAMAS.—A further printing of the 5d, Special Delivery, stamp has been made locally at Nassau, and sent to the Canadian Post Office Department, at Ottawa. The first printing consisted of but 600 stamps, and the second printing is said also to be limited. The stock of the 5d orange and black, Queen's Staircase type is getting low, and is soon to be replaced by a stamp in different colors, violet and black. It will, of course, be printed on the C. A. Multiple paper. —HARRY E. HUBER.

BRITISH HONDURAS. — The burele stamps in this Colony have been exhausted, and the recent printing of the 1c war stamp, was on the stamp without this feature. The overprinting WAR was done locally as before, in black. The 3c orange stamp had not yet been received on March 22nd, though expected shortly.—HARRY E. HUBER.

CANADA.—We have been shown by M. R. Buell a specimen of the 2c Canada war tax inland revenue perforated 8x12. As yet we have no information as to the reason for the new perforation. Can any of our Canadian subscribers give us the desired information?

Gerald Mongeon calling our attention to the new Canadian war cancellations, and especially one printed in French, informs us that the 3c brown war tax stamp has been issued imperforate. This stamp in coil form has already been chronicled in the WEEKLY.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—The second printing of the 1½d on 2½d War Stamp is also exhausted, and a further printing has been ordered. The second printing stamps arrived at George Town, per one of the United Fruit steamers on February 16th, and was placed on sale February 26th, with the first printing.

The delay in receipt of these stamps was due entirely to lack of communication between Jamaica and Grand Cayman, either by steamer or the island boats. There is but one schooner plying between the two Islands at the present time, the others having gone to more remunerative fields.

Arrangements are now being made for a regular monthly steamer service between Grand Cayman and Jamaica, and if the contract is signed, it will involve an expense of £600 per annum for 5 years, half of which is to be paid out of the surplus funds of the Dependency, and the rest from the annual revenue. After five years if the service is continued, the subsidy would be decreased to £300 per annum, which will be payable from the yearly revenue. Business in the Islands is at a standstill, and the great damage done by the 1915 hurricanes to the cocoanut trees has seriously affected those dependent upon this industry.—HARRY E. HUBER.

CHILE.—J. Saulnier has shown us a copy of the 4c lithographed design similar to the 2c of the 1912 issue. Like the other values that have appeared the workmanship is very crude. The color is pale brown and perforation is 13½x 14½.

GABON.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* reads: We have just received supply of the Red Cross stamp 5c on 10c value of AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE GABON. This printing is on drab surfaced paper.

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10 lepta, rose red.
15 lepta, pale blue.
50 lepta, greyish purple.
1 drachma, bright ultramarine
2 drachma, pale brick red.
3 drachma, carmine rose.
4 drachma, drab.
5 drachma, steel blue.
10 drachma, deep blue.
25 drachma, deep slate.

HONDURAS.—Two covers have been shown us by Gerald D. Bliss, upon which are split stamps. On one the 20c yellow 1911 is used and on the other the 50c brown of the same year. The stamps are bisected diagonally and the first mentioned bears a "Paquebot" and "New Orleans" cancellation.

JAMAICA.—The latest novelty in war stamps from this West Indian Colony is the 1½d orange, George, overprinted WAR STAMP, in larger type than has been used previously. The overprint is in two lines, and the distance from the top of WAR to the bottom of STAMP is 7½ mm. as compared with the former 6 mm.

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The overprinting has been done as before, by the Government Printing Office at Kingston, and it is interesting to note that the type used and the spacing is identical with that used for the second printing of the Cayman Islands 1½d on 2½d War Stamp. This new printing of the 1½d came into issue the week of March 12th, and the ½d and 3d are scheduled for early appearance with the same overprint.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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changes in the postal rates certain values are now useless and will be withdrawn from use, namely, 1½c, 17½c, 22½c, 50c and 5 Gulden and the 1½c of the "Armenwet" set.

NICARAGUA.—We have received from Gerald D. Bliss two covers with split provisionals. The stamp used is the 10 centavos on 2p 1912 issue. The stamp is bisected diagonally and there can be no question as to the genuineness of the same.

PAPUA.—We have received a small supply of the new bi-coloured penny stamps, which differ materially from the 1910 issue, the colour is quite distinct, the watermark is single lined "A" instead of double, and the design is the same as the unicoloured stamps.—*Whitfield King's List.*

TURKEY.—Cleanthis Zonaris sends us a specimen of a Turkish war stamp, with a bit of information conveyed through Mr. Auf der Heide of how these stamps are regarded by English censors. We quote from Mr. Zonaris' letter as follows:—

Inclosed please find a Turkish war stamp recently issued. It is the 20 para carmine of the 1905 issue surcharged 10 Para. It is also surcharged with a crescent bearing the inscription "For the orphans of the war" and the Turkish date 1331 (1916). All these surcharges are in black and in Turkish writing. The stamps are regarded as contraband by the English censor, according to the inclosed card of J. C. Auf de Heide.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—According to Harry E. Huber the following Post Office Notice was issued covering the War Tax imposed upon letters and parcels:—

Post Office, Grand Turk, Jan. 2, 1917.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS.—A new supply of War Stamps has been received from England. The 1d is in scarlet, from plate showing control 5, and the 3d is on the new golden yellow paper, from plate 5. The overprint is as before, in same type as used for the London printing of the St. Vincent war stamps.—HARRY E. HUBER.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

New member, 242, Merritt, C. W., Norway, Iowa.

Dues received from No. 206, $1.00; 237, $1.00; 238, 50c; 57, $1.00; 114, $1.00; 137, $1.00; 156, 50c; and 203, $1.00. Total, $7.00.

Change of address: Mrs. Caroline S. Gardner to 1717 Lyon St., same city.

Notices have been sent to members who are delinquent. A few have not responded. Request is made that the notice is not pigeon-holed and thereby overlooked. The Secretary has thought it advisable not to send notices to those members in the war zone for the present.

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Above is the list of the leaders with their standing Saturday, April 7. The best bit of work noted lately is that done by the Detroit Stamp Co., in sending in a batch of eleven new subscriptions, and the firm's total is now 22. The standing of the other dealers is as follows:—

C. E. Nickles, Washington, D. C.,	9
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E. A. Southwick, Portland, Ore.,	4
N. Joseph, Boston, Mass.,	4

The following have sent in three each:—Indiana Stamp Co., Indplis., Ind.; J. B. Collins, Cincinnati, O.; Alfred Lechner, N. Y. City; Eugene Klein, Phila., Pa.; R. E. Scheerer, Pottsville, Pa.; H. P. Bridge, Clearfield, Pa.

The following have sent in two each:—B. F. Egan, Indplis., Ind.; O. Kendall, Winnipeg, Can.; Carl Crawford, Syracuse, N. Y.; E. S. Blackwell, Oakland, Cal.; H. W. Doscher & Co., San Francisco Cal.; Imperial Stamp Co., San Francisco, Cal.; Wenona Stamp Co., Bay City, Mich.; W. H. Coram, Theresa, N. Y.; Universal Stamp Co., Mt. Clemens, Mich.; Jefferson Stamp Co., Jefferson, Pa. and Index Service Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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BOLIVIA, 1894 ISSUES.

By J. Arthur Wainwright.

Now that the last Scott catalog has separated the 1894 Bolivia issues into their two parts I have some more information to contribute regarding them.

To begin with the first issue on thin paper. I am in search of perforation 14 and as yet have failed to find it, although I have written to several dealers desiring to fill want lists. As far as heard from none of them have the thin paper set perforated 14. Whether I shall find any other or not is a question. The 14½ perforation is hard to get. If any one doubts this let him try to get the full set. The color of the 100 centavos on thin paper, perf. 14½ is not "brown rose" but "rose red." At least my copy is a beautiful rose red. The catalog price of this stamp is far too low. It was low enough at $1.00 and the reduction to 60c is not warranted by the supply of this particular stamp. I doubt if the Scott Co. can supply this stamp at all. They could not when I secured my copy.

Regarding the thick paper issue the set is very common in used and unused condition. The colors of the thick paper set as taken from my own collection are as follows:

1c yellow buff, grayish buff and grayish yellow buff.
2c dull vermilion, red, light red and brown red.
5c blue green, dark blue green and emerald green.
10c gray brown and light gray brown.
20c deep blue, blue, gray blue, dark gray blue and slate blue.
50c deep dull claret, light dull claret, grayish dull claret.
100c dull rose, light dull rose, brown orange.

This last stamp unused is greatly overpriced.

THE 75% OFF CATALOG BOGEY.

By A Dealer-Collector.

On occasions I receive from correspondents the following pathetic rider: "I never pay more than quarter Gibbons prices." Lately this hackneyed gag has had added "during the War."

It has been my custom for many years to always reply, soliciting a selection on these terms, but, I can honestly say, never with any success.

Most of these collectors I have found are not notorious bargain hunters—but would-be genuine philatelists who are spoilt by their *little* philatelic knowledge.

We are all well aware that inferior specimens, and certain stamps of other than *bona fide* postal obliteration, as Liberia, high value Union of South Africa, and many Continental high values used on M.O. and bulk cards, that arrive from time to time in large parcels, immediately reflect their presence as bargains.

But one must not judge the barrel by the top apple, or the flock on the colour of a single ram.

For a considerable number of years I have never objected to paying from 75 per cent. of (note, not *off*) to full catalogue for many common stamps. Two years' enforced absence from philately is almost like a Dr. Gray or a Moens coming back.

Look at the following stamps that—and quite recently, too—were catalogued at 1d each. Argentine, 1910, 4c; France, 1878, 3c; U.S.A., 1893, 3c; 1904, 3c; 1902, 13c—just items at random that a real philatelist never troubled to dispose of. At least he wasn't likely to offer for sale at 75 per cent. off.

Certainly the 75 per cent. off man can be accommodated—he just comes along asking to be stung. It is better to sell him a Southern Nigeria 3d 1904 at a third catalogue than the 2½d same issue at two-thirds—or two hundred Morocco Agencies 5c Edward at a quarter catalogue than the 20c King George at full catalogue. One would like to exchange 9d and 10d British Edward against Levant five lowest values of 1913, catalogue against catalogue.

I must confess I have a profound contempt for the dealer who is a mere shopkeeper or a homeworker "increasing his income" possessing no "soul of philately," or detail other than, that which is bought at 6d and sold at a shilling is 50 per cent. solid profit.

Compare these hobos of philately with some of our great dealer philatelists, who have made certain countries and issues a study of years. It would be invidious to mention names of the dealers who have practically built up British philately by their researches, study, and time given up voluntarily to the hobby. Fancy their awaiting the completion of a country until the 75 per cent. off came along!

Years ago that stalwart of Transvaal fame, the late E. J. Nankivell, gave a well deserved drubbing to the "Fifty percenters," as they were then called, showing the harm they did to the real philatelic cause—and E. J. N. was no champion of stamp dealers—but he recognized the difference between dealer-monger and the dealer-philatelist.

I question very much whether these 75 per cent. off collectors do not impute that catalogues and cataloguers are frauds, rogues, and vagabonds, endeavouring to obtain money under false pretences.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—A. F. Simionescu, Hackensack, N. J., reports Charles Glicksberg previously mentioned in our news gleanings and Mr. Simionescu also adds to the list of poor correspondents Wm. H. Stuble, South Langhorn, Pa., and C. Van Dreederinger, N. Y. City.

—Some time ago Gulfport, Miss., urged upon the P. O. Department the issue of a special stamp advertising an exposition to be held there Dec. 10, of the present year. Gulfport got the next best thing, permission to use an advertising cancellation, which Fred Sullivan sends us a sample of. The cancellation consists of four lines reading:—"Mississippi Centennial—Exposition— Opens Dec. 10, 1917—Gulfport, Misssissippi."

—We have received from William Hoyt Yale a bunch of Canadian covers showing the various advertising cancellations recently brought into use, dealing with war certificates. One of these is printed in French. These cancellations are undoubtedly performing good missionary work in raising money for the promotion of the war.

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—The mother of Mr. E. C. Dodd, La-Grange, Illinois, passed away recently at an advanced age. The interment was at Newark, Mr. Dodd having left for that city with the body, on April 5th. Consequently, Mr. Dodd will be away from his desk for a week or so. For several years Mr. Dodd devoted himself to the care of his invalid mother and in his bereavement he has the sympathy of many friends.

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CHAPTER III.

The Embossed Stamps.

The one shilling stamp of Great Britain issued Sept. 11, 1847, may well claim to be the first orthodox "international" postage stamp, since it was primarily issued to prepay postage on over-seas letters and outside the British Empire, was probably most used on American letters. Like many of the early stamps of higher than inland rate, they were for many years procurable only *outside the country of their issue.*



The shilling value was quickly followed, Nov. 6, 1848, by one for ten pence, an over-seas rate fixed between certain Colonies and near by European countries. It is necessary to point out that in these pre-Universal Postal Union days, a letter could not be wholly prepaid from one country to another. Letters were generally taxed for the inland postage of the country of destination. Hence letters from U. S. A. to Great Britain and vice versa were surcharged "postage due" for the inland rate. The Mexican "Porte de Mar" stamps are a single example of stamps for the extra postage demanded.

Unlike the other postage stamps of Great Britain which for over seventy years were contracted out to private firms, the embossed stamps were made and printed entirely by the Government. The dies were engraved by William Wyon from whose design of the Coronation Medal of Queen Victoria, the head on the engraved stamps printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co., was taken.

The plates were produced by the Royal Mint in London, and the stamps printed at the great revenue department, "Somerset House." The paper used was that invented by Dickinson, showing continuous silk threads. The irregularity of placing the paper in the press gives one or even two threads through a stamp vertically and horizontally, though rarely in the latter position. The stamps were die struck *singly*, so there are many known instances of stamps overlapping through careless workmanship. A very fine example of a vertical pair of the 10 penny, one stamp (the lower) being half way over the other, was sold from the famous Avery collection by Mr. W. H. Peckitt.

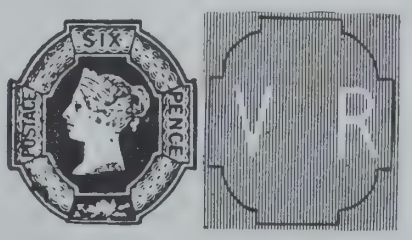
Singly printed strips of the shilling value will be found in deep green, bright green and very pale green, and the 10 pence in light and full brown shades.

The die numbers of these stamps are found together with the engraver's initials (W. W.) on the lower edge of the bust in, of course, colourless relief with the sole exception of the first die of the 10 penny, which bears no number. Both values as well as the succeeding six penny have advanced greatly in value during the past few years. Cut square in fine condition, they are gilt edged securities of philately:

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1 shilling, bright green, die 1, 1847.
1 shilling, deep green, die 1, 1847.
1 shilling, pale green, die 2, 1853.
1 shilling, bright green, die 2, 1853.
1 shilling, deep green, die 2, 1853.
10 pence, brown or light brown, no number, 1848.
10 pence, brown or light brown, die 1, 1848.
10 pence, brown or light brown, die 2, 1850.
10 pence, brown or light brown, die 3, 1852.
10 pence, brown or light brown, die 4, 1853.
10 pence, brown or light brown, die 5, 1853.
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8c	brown	" "	264	.06	10p	green	" " 274 6.50
10c	dark blue	" "	265	.08	30c	gray	" " 275 .25
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Check List.

Embossed 1854-1856 on thick wove paper watermarked letters VR upright, inverted, upright reversed, and inverted reversed.

6 pence, pale lilac.
6 pence, dull lilac.
6 pence, bright lilac.
6 pence, mauve.
6 pence, purple.
6 pence, deep purple.

It is interesting to note, and also as a caution to the collector, that these dies and dies taken from them, of all the three values were used up to 1902 on deed and telegraph forms. Often they can be cut from these forms showing no other printed matter, but since they are on thin common wove paper quite white or canary yellow and with a freshness of coloring in the ink, they should only deceive the merest tyro.

(*Author's Note:*—The embossed revenue stamps of 1861 to 1883 issues were authorized for postal use, but since they are not regular issues they will be included in a future treatise on "Official and Postal Fiscal Stamps of Great Britain.")

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF M. P. CASTLE.

M. P. Castle, M. V. O., J. P., died in a nursing home in London on the 21st inst., and was laid to rest at the historic old Parish Church of Sevenoaks, Kent, on Saturday afternoon, the 24th inst., an impressive service being conducted by the Rector.

Among the mourners, apart from the relatives and other personal friends, there were a number of philatelists who had come down to see the last of one whom they had known and respected for many years. Those present at the graveside included Baron de Worms, Baron Percy de Worms, Messrs. E. D. Bacon, Wilmot Corfield, T. W. Hall, W. H. Peckitt, Charles J. Phillips, R. Wedmore, Theodore Buhl (representing *Stamp Collecting*), and others.

Marcellus Purnell Castle was born at Westminister in 1849. He was educated at King's College School and Merton College, and then at Frankfort-on-Main. During the war between Austria and Prussia, in 1866, his first stamp collection was stolen. He returned to England in 1867 and went into the brewery business, from which he retired in 1892, to devote his time to Philately.

His death breaks one more link between the old school of philatelists and the present generation, and leaves a void which cannot be filled—such a void which has not occurred since poor Tapling's death, in 1891.

Mr. Castle was, at the time of his death, President of the Royal Philatelic Society, having succeeded the late Earl of Crawford, who had in turn succeeded His present Majesty King George (then Prince of Wales).

As I have previously mentioned, he was one of the early philatelists, and the collections he accumulated from time to time always created some stir when they came upon the market. In the early eighties he accumulated a fine general collection, but he was always keen on what I call "out-of-the-way" stamps, of places which nowadays do not seem to be as popular as they should be. In particular, I remember his fine collection of Shanghai, which it would be difficult to get together at the present time. He sold his general collection during 1886-1888, and then specialized in Australians until 1894, when he sold them for £10,000. From 1894 to 1900 he collected only European stamps, and these he sold in 1900 for £27,500. He then began another collection of Australians, which he sold in 1905 for £5,750. In more recent times he devoted his attention to some of the West Indian Islands, notably Trinidad, his marvellous collection of which was sold a few years ago.

Mr. Castle had been a member of the London (now Royal) Philatelic Society almost from its inception, and had edited the Society's journal, the *London Philatelist*, for twenty-five years. From 1881 to 1895 I was frequently in his company, and one could not have found a more genial companion. He was, perhaps, not a prolific writer on philatelic subjects, but what he wrote was good and mostly in a serious vein, but he could also see the lighter side of things.

Being a good linguist, and having travelled in many parts of the world, he was naturally a good philatelist. We travelled together to Paris, to the Geneva Exhibition, and other places, and he and I were the originals of the characters of "Eager" and "Sprightly" in his article, "A Philatelic Wild Goose Chase," published in the *Stamp News Annual* in 1893.—*Stamp Collecting.*

L'ENVOI.

By L. V. S.

When the earth's last collection is finished,
And the gum on the O. G.'s has dried,
When the last catalog is destroyed,
And the youngest specialist has died,
We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it,
Lay down for an eon or two,
'Till the lover of all good philatelists,
Calls us to work anew.

And those who were good shall be happy
They shall sit in a golden chair,
And take stamps in fine condition
From approvals whose prices are fair,
They shall have real rarities to examine,
St. Louis, New York, Baltimore,
And instead of single specimens,
They shall have blocks of four.

Their catalog shall be perfect,
And of hand-books there'll be no dearth,
The stamp paper will come when it's wanted,
Not each week, or each month, as on earth,
They shall work as long as they want to
Centuries, or months, or days,
And, of course, they shall never grow tired,
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And none but the Good One shall praise us,
And none but the Good One shall blame,
And none of us work for the value
And none of us for the fame,
But each for the joy of the working
And each, as do all the rest,
Shall give his collection, when finished,
To the God of all that is best.

—Volume 1, No. 1 of the *Belmont Collector* has been received. It is a well gotten up house organ published by the Belmont Stamp Co. of Philadelphia. It is sent free upon written request and the up-to-date buyer will need this breezy little magazine. We are informed that Wm. N. McIntyre of Chester, Pa., is a co-worker with Mr. Wolter of the Belmont Co. Mr. McIntyre being a well-known specialist in U. S. and South American stamps.

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Both Messrs. Holloway and Hooghkirk are agreed that what is done in helping the WEEKLY counts for the material welfare of philately as a whole. Mr. Holloway on a recent visit to Boston called at our office and it was the privilege of the Managing Editor to renew a pleasant acquaintanceship. An invitation to visit the firm's premises at Milford will be accepted as soon as convenient.

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This is to certify that 8,300 copies of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, dated April 14, 1917, were printed. 8,100 were mailed to paid subscribers, 100 sent out as complimentaries, and 100 retained for office files. The mailing of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY as well as the printing of the same is done by the Jewett Printing Co., of which I am treasurer and manager.

(Signed) W. W. JEWETT.

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EDITORIAL.

Expectancy—A correspondent at Washington to whom we have been indebted for valuable information at different times in the past informs us that quick action may be expected in restoring some of the stamp taxes that have been operative and in originating and extending others. In the result of the commission's conference there may be a deluge of revenue stamps that may even dampen the spirits of the collector of revenue stamps. It is intimated that the ingenuity that will be exercised to determine upon the objects of taxation will command admiration if not commendation. At the moment of writing, our correspondent said that nothing definite in this regard had been decided, so far as public knowledge was concerned.

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War—We remember one war, the Spanish-American in 1898, and its vivifying effect on collecting. We remember, too, how large a number, comparatively, of our readers went to war and how some of the soldiers even subscribed from the front. We remember how gallant officers, such as Bandholtz, Baker, Partello, Coolidge, Paddock and others, wrote us from camp and how impressed we were by the "soldiers' letters." We are with many of our readers in wanting to do our bit.

Aye—A reader arises to inform us that a temporary post office was established at New Orleans from April 12 to 20, 1917, during the convention held by the Woman's Missionary Council of the Southern Methodist Church, with facilities "for the transaction of money-order, registry and parcel post business, the sale of postal supplies, and the receipt and dispatch of mails." On this frame, our informant hangs the thought: Would not a complete collection of the postmarks of the special and temporary offices that have been established by courtesy of the department be a valuable historical and postally interesting adjunct to the stamp collection? It would, brother. The first special postmark that we remember was that of the World's Fair Station in Chicago, 1893. If the post office at the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876, had a special marking, we do not recollect ever having seen it.

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Bunco—We have been enjoying philately in the magazines this month, but it is not in the philatelic magazines that we have found this entertainment. It is admitted even by our most zealous boosters that stamp collecting is not so momentous a force in the estimation of the dear public that the editors of publications designed to appeal to the masses feel that they must recognize philately on the score of policy. In other words, philately is not the subject of comment glowing or otherwise, in the periodical press whose manna is munched by the million, often enough to make references to it, novel. When, as at present, we find several writers disclosing a philatelic vein, by courtesy, we must pause in our mad career to marvel at the thing. First, we discover in the *Blue Book* for May, a story, "Away from Here," by Ellis Parker Butler, perhaps the humorist supreme of the day. We have had occasion before to dwell upon the honesty of Mr. Butler's understanding of philately as sometimes revealed in his stories; and we have not neglected to say that he is a member of the American Philatelic Society in whose membership lists he proclaims the fact that he specializes in France and colonies. The Parker story under notice is one of a series detailing the success of a bucolic bunco-steerer who left the farm to operate in New York City with great success. Here we quote from the text, regarding one Mr. Lonigan who "had retired from the bunco business." "He was now a dealer in postage stamps for collectors, making a specialty of 'packets' for beginners—'one thousand, well assorted for twenty-five cents'—which in addition to being a legitimate business, had something of the bunco in it." We suspect that Mr. Parker has been bumped by a packet that smashed his great expectations to smithereens. For all that, we are mightily pleased that the gifted Ellis Parker Butler feels the lure of philately and acknowledges its gentle thrall, as Sweet Minorca so inspiredly puts it.

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Next—Now comes the redoubtable Samuel Merwin in the *Cosmopolitan* for May and toys with philately. The story is "The Counter-Irritant" and is one of a series of the Loves of Henry the Ninth. Not feeling that we should intrude upon a situation so surcharged with the tender passion, we have deputized Arnold, the Angel messenger boy, to review the passages: "Alfred was sitting before a card-table, a stamp album spread open, a cup of flour paste and small heaps of loose stamps." (Parenthetically it must be observed that Alfred was a youth of nineteen or so who had just married a girl with whom he had been out riding—a rather simple little romance.) Arnold speaks: "A big lop-head like dat would be just de nut dat would use flour paste, wit' hinges, a tousan' fer a twin jit. Say, on de dead, it gives me de collywobbles to t'ink of a big prune wot just married a girl and den got frightened when he got home and snuk off to his stamps fer protection. Dat's bad enough, but when he fools wit' flour paste, it is all off, and fer two cents I'd haul off and paste him one." After Arnold's truculence had subsided, we showed him a paragraph further along in the story, as follows: "Henry dropped into the chair by the table and studied the album. He even sorted out a little pile of British colonial issues for closer observation." (Henry was the hero, or as much of a hero as a non-collector could be.) Arnold philosophised: "Say, it tickles me so that I nearly swallys me cig to see how dat bird does de job. First he looks to see what stamps are de real goods and den he decides British colonials are all to the cocoanut cream and de ones to cop. 'Fer closer observation,' dat's rich. I wonder how Hennery will make his get-away but at dat, while I am off de crooks, I am feelin' dat any lad out of de kindergarden who puts 'em in wit' flour paste ought to have his stamps lifted."

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Surprise—The talkative young man who was a familiar figure around the dealer's place had often told about his rarities, but had never shown them. The recent revenues were under discussion and he said that he had a copy of the rare fifty dollar that he would bring in the next day. He was not allowed to forget his promise and the next day he just had to make good. Opening his little stock book and fumbling over it, he pulled forth a stamp, saying: "It is a good specimen of the fifty dollar." It was.

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Leads—The publication, *Power*, technical to a degree, devotes its first page in the number dated March 27th, 1917, to a preachment, "Get a Hobby." As a hobby, stamp collecting is given the leadership in the list, showing that its compiler is no slouch.

DEATH OF EDWARD H. MASON.

We have just learned of the death of Mr. Edward H. Mason of Boston which occurred early in March. Mr. Mason had been a collector for over thirty-five years and at one time had one of the finest general collections in the country. He disposed of that however about ten years ago and has since devoted his attention to entire U. S. envelopes and U. S. proofs and essays. In the former line he divided the honors with Mr. Worthington and in the latter his collection was only excelled by that of the Earl of Crawford and in some issues it was superior even to this.

He was an authority and had written three handbooks on U. S. proofs and essays, one of which was brought out under the auspices of the American Philatelic Society.

He was a charter member (No. 168) of the American Society and also (No. 31) of the Boston Philatelic Society and was always ready and willing to help out entertainment committees by showing and explaining portions of his treasures at their meetings, while visiting philatelists were always welcome at his office.

He was also for many years a stockholder and a director in the New England Stamp Co., although never taking an active part in the business.

His death is a great loss to philatelists in general and especially to those living in Boston and vicinity.

U. S. MAILS CENSORED.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The United States is preparing to establish censorship of all mails, wires and cables, it was made known at the State Department to-day. A large corps will be required to handle the mails. Approval by Congress may be necessary.

It is expected that within a few weeks letter, marked "Opened by censor" will be a common sight. Mails to foreign countries especially will be censored. One result will be to relieve the situation regarding English censorship of American mails.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

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(*Continued from page 107*)

Under date of August 30, 1861, another lengthy Ordinance was issued containing slight modifications of some of the provisions of the earlier one. Among other matters this Ordinance authorised a reduction in the price of the stamps when purchased in quantities of twenty or more,—a reduction which had only applied previously when at least one hundred stamps were bought at one time.

The employment of these stamps, which was at first exclusively restricted to correspondence within the islands or to Denmark, was, from January 7th, 1817, extended to correspondence to other countries.

The entire issue of these 3 cents stamps, imperforate, consisted of 5,000 sheets (500,000 stamps), but there appear to be no records showing how many were in each of the supplies with different gum.

CHAPTER IV.

The Second Issue.

In January, 1872, according to Mr. O. Koefoed's book "Danske Post-frimaerker", or May of the same year, according to Mr. Hanciau, the 3 cents stamp was issued perforated 12½ by a single-line machine. It is possible these perforated stamps were ordered or printed in January and issued in the colony in May. With the exception of the addition of perforation these stamps are exactly like those of the preceding issue, being printed from the same plate or plates and manufactured in the same manner.

An interesting variety is known on very thick paper. This seems to have been first recorded in 1902, when Mr. C. J. Phillips announced the discovery of an unused copy in the columns of the *Monthly Journal.* This is described as being "on a *very thick paper,* almost indeed on a thin cardboard. It is with original gum, and in a full rich crimson shade".

In January, 1871, a new law was passed in Denmark providing that postage stamps of different denominations should be issued, as the demand for any specific values should arise. In accordance with this law, the Government of the West Indies, through the Ministry of Finance, ordered the manufacture of 4 cents stamps, as this value had for a long time been needed by the public. The request was granted, but the Danish Government Printing Office was so busy with the production of stamps for Iceland, that the 4 cents stamps for the Danish West Indies were not ready for issue until January 1st, 1873.

This stamp is of the same design as the 3 cents then in use, only the numeral denoting the value, being different. The sheets consisted of one hundred stamps as before, but the plate was composed of that number of separate *clichés,* which was not the case with the earlier value. The paper is thicker than that previously used and though it has the crown watermark, it is without the burélage. The perforation is 12½. As regards secret marks on this value, Mr. Hanciau observes:—

"There are none. They may either have been overlooked, in the pressure occasioned by the manufacture of the stamps for Iceland, or may not unreasonably have been recognized to be useless, as in the case of the stamps of Denmark, 1864. Which of these was the true cause of their omission, I cannot say, but I should suppose that these marks were found to be superfluous, with the exception of the initial of Mr. Buntzen, which appears in the same position as before."

This value is known entirely imperforate and also imperforate vertically. It is said that both these varieties were found upon the same sheet or sheets which had been irregularly perforated.

This 4 cents denomination had but a short life, for later in 1873 a new design was introduced. A total of 250,000 stamps (2,500 sheets) of each of the 3 and 4 cents perforated values was issued.

CHAPTER V.

The Third Issue.

At the request of the Postmaster-General it was resolved, in May, 1873, to alter the design of the stamps for the Danish West Indies and make them uniform with the bi-colored stamps then current in Denmark. The date of issue of the new stamps is, apparently, open to discussion. One writer, evidently quoted from Mr. Koefoed, says:—"In September, 1873, new 1 cent and 14 cents stamps were issued and, at the same time, the design of the 3 and 4 cents stamps was changed, and the remainders of the old 3 and 4 cents stamps were destroyed." Mr. Hanciau, apparently also quoting from an authoritative source, says that in accordance with a Postal Circular, dated October 11th, 1873, these new stamps were issued on the following November 1st! Which of these two statements is correct we have no means of judging.





The design, it will be noted, is precisely like that of the corresponding stamps of Denmark and shows as a centerpiece a numeral on a disc of solid color surmounted by a Royal Crown. At each side is a branch of laurel or oak from the lower ends of which a small posthorn is suspended. Around this central device is an oval band of solid color inscribed "DANSK - VESTINDISKE OER" (Danish West Indian Islands) with the value below. The whole is enclosed within an ornamental frame, making the complete design upright rectangular in shape. It measures 17x21 mm. The ornamental frame was printed in one color and the central oval in another.

The original die, which was engraved on steel by Mr. Ph. Batz, contained no inscription in the lower part of the band or numeral on the central disc, these details being added to the subsiduary dies for the various denominations as required. The frame was engraved and printed separately and one plate (or at least the same 100 clichés) sufficed for all values.

The stamps were surface printed in sheets of one hundred, arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten each, at Copenhagen and were on paper watermarked with a Crown. The four margins of each sheet were watermarked "KGL POST-FRMK" and also with a crown in each upper corner and a posthorn in each lower one. As the watermarked

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"bits" were made by hand they show slight variations.

A postal circular, dated June 12th, 1874, announced the addition of a 7 cents stamp to the series, while another circular published on October 20th, 1876, stated that 5 and 10 cents stamps would be issued. On November 1st, 1877, a 12 cents value was issued for use on foreign letters and the 14 cents, which had represented this rate previously was withdrawn from use.

All the above stamps were printed in a similar manner to the four stamps first issued in 1873. The 5 and 10 cents have the word "CENTS" of the value in different type from the others and the 5 cents shows a white dot in the centre of the large numeral—a mark that is quite distinctive and confined to this one denomination.

In July, 1879, a 50 cents value was added to the series and though this is similar to the other denominations the design was entirely redrawn and the stamps were printed in one color. Mr. Hanciau points out several interesting points of distinction as follows:—

"The die used for this stamp was that of the 6 cents card of 1877, in which there is a stop after the word 'CENTS.' It differs also from the die of 1873 in the following points:—

The lettering is a little larger.

The hyphen between the words 'DANSK-VESTINDSKE' is nearer the first word.

There is no space between the letters 'VE' and the rest of the second word, as in the earlier type, in which it was made almost to appear to be two words.

The posthorn is nearer to the bottom of the oval.

The lines of the background touch the oval band, instead of leaving a white space round inside it.

In certain exceptional cases there is no stop after the word 'CENTS'."

In 1874 a special Ordinance was issued extending the special discount of 8⅓% to all stamps when twenty or more of the same value were purchased at one time, viz:—

"Ordinance of July 14th, 1874.

"Upon the most respectful proposition of the Minister of Finance, His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve, by a royal decision of the 14th July, 1874, the following Ordinance passed by the Colonial Councils of St. Thomas, with St. John and St. Croix, having been read a third time on the 24th March and 7th April, 1874, by which the arrangements made under the Ordinance of the 10th July, 1855, paragraph 2, and the Ordinance of the 30th August, 1861, paragraph 1, for the reduction in the payment for the 3 cents stamps of the Danish West Indies, is made applicable also to other stamps of the Danish West Indies. 'The reduction of 8⅓ per cent. in the price of the 3 cents stamps of the Danish West Indies, established by the Ordinance of the 10th July, 1855, paragraph 2, and the Ordinance of the 30th August, 1861, paragraph 1, for quantities of at least 20 stamps, should in future be applied also to the other stamps of the Danish West Indies'."

The stamps described above were all perforated 14x13½ and down to about 1885, like the stamps of similar type of the mother country, they were printed on a thin semi-transparent paper. Beginning with 1885, however, a thicker and whiter paper was used and, according to Mr. Hanciau the various values appeared in the following order:—

1885, 3 cents.
1887, 1, 4, 5 and 10 cents.
1889, 50 cents.

The 7 cents is not found on this thicker paper for the value was so little used that those on hand on the thinner paper more than sufficed and the value was finally withdrawn from use in 1896. A new plate must have been made for the 5 cents for the large numeral on this value printed on the thicker paper is of a different type from that in use previously. The curved portion is narrower and the end is more closed, while the horizontal stroke at the top is slightly narrower.

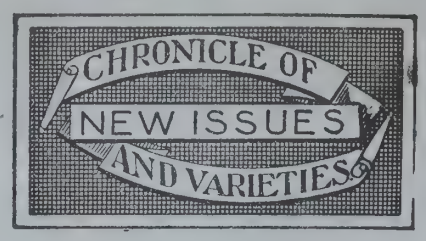
A number of interesting varieties are known in this series. The 3 cents on thin paper is known entirely imperforate and Mr. Hanciau records a minor variety of this value "with the crown above the oval damaged at the left side."

The 78th stamp on most, if not all, of the sheets of the 3c on thick paper shows a prominent uncolored wedge-shaped flaw at the left side of the crown. On the 10c on thick paper a variety with period between the letters "TS" of "CENTS" is found. This varies in shape and is sometimes cut so as to appear as a colon. It occurs on the following stamps:—

1st stamp on the second row.
2nd and 5th stamps on the third row.
1st stamp on the fourth row.
1st and 10th stamps on the seventh row.
2nd stamp on the ninth row.
2nd and 4th stamps on the tenth row.

Most of the stamps of this series, on both kinds of paper, show a wide range of variation in shades affecting the frames as well as the centres. This naturally indicates a large number of printings and while some specialists have attempted to arrange these according to a specific order based on different dates such an arbitrary plan has little to commend it. While in some cases certain well-defined shades may, from what can be gleaned from dated copies, be assigned to certain years other shades, from printings probably made many years apart, are identical. These shade varieties are undoubtedly of the greatest interest but it would seem that their arrangement as a sequence of tints has more to commnd it than an arbitrary and debatable classification of "printings."
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2nd September, 1916.

Letter No. 2—In my previous article I stated that owing to the British blockade no fresh stock has been obtained in this country.

This was not quite correct as I have since found out. It is true, no fresh stock of G. E. A. stamps were received, but a supply, not a big one, of ordinary German stamps got through and these were used at some of the principal offices and I have seen envelopes used in this country bearing these stamps; also I have seen old money order forms, on which these ordinary German stamps had been used.

The story of these stamps is interesting, but owing to our respected friend, the Censor, I must wait until a future occasion to relate it. Anyway, envelopes bearing these stamps with G. E. A. postmark will be interesting. At Kilwa, a number of complete sheets of the ordinary stamps were found in the P. O. when we occupied the place, but I am not yet certain of the exact denominations.

There is no chance I fear of there being any German stamps surcharged G. R. I., but as there is a considerable amount of civil post work carried on by the Indian and Greek communities of the various towns it is possible that B. E. A. and Uganda stamps might be surcharged "British Occupation G. E. A." or some such overprint.

Another point which I understand has been raised is the correctness of *I. E. F.* overprint. This force being no longer

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an "Indian Expeditionary Force," but an "East African Expeditionary Force," the stamps should bear the *"E. A. E. F."* overprint.

As regards the note in your extract about *"Mafia."*

This German Island was occupied by our troops and the ordinary I. E. F. stamps issued to the Military P. O. there. The officer in command, on his own I understand, had the word "Mafia" and "G. R. Post" printed on these stamps. The overprint was quite unofficial—in fact *official permission was refused.* Very few were printed and being quite unofficial are of no value.

I fancy there will be many stamps of this kind in the various theatres of war and if collectors once start to collect this rubbish they ought to be banned with the "match box label collector."

No special stamps, German or British, have been officially issued for Mafia; the only stamps in use there are the ordinary I. E. F. ones.

1st January, 1917.
—Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

GUATEMALA.—Edwin W. Fuss sends us a copy of the 25c Commemorative stamp chronicled in our number of March 24. The stamp is in brown and light blue and of a very attractive design.

Commemorative Adhesive.
1917, 25c brown and light blue.

JAMAICA.—The 3d on the golden yellow paper, has now received the large 8-point Roman overprint WAR STAMP, recently announced for the 1½d. The same errors occur as for the 1½d; no period once to a sheet of 120—stamp 11 of the left pane; broken letters, and stamps showing letters from the font previously used.—HARRY E. HUBER.

POLAND.—*Scott's Circular* says:—"From the *Bulletin d'informations Philateliques,* published by Mr. Edouard Locher, we translate the following: 'Under date of September 27th, 1916, the Bulletin of the Laws of the General Government of Warsaw publishes an ordinance concerning the local postage stamps. This ordinance threatens with fines up to 10,000 Marks or imprisonment up to two years any one who manufactures or uses the so-called local postage stamps in the service of distributing correspondence assigned to the communal authorities. The same penalties apply to any one who sells or distributes these stamps, displays them in a public place, holds them in stock for sale or offers them for sale, exports them from Warsaw or sends them into the interior by mail, railroad or other means of transport. It will be permitted to use the stamps already issued in certain communes until November 1st, but exclusively in distributing letters. The sale of the stamps in any other way will be punishable as described above.'"

RUSSIA.—W. T. Wilson has shown us copies of the 10k on 7k (Scott's type A14) replacing the similar surcharge on the Romanoff stamp, which is now obsolete, also a new surcharge of 20k on 14k of the Romanoff issue, the surcharge being in black and placed directly over the original figures of value in each lower corner.

Provisional Adhesives.
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* 1893, 2½p on 1sh, No. 145 ..... " .75

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A NEW ISSUE.

(F. B. McGown of Toledo, Ohio, who has given us considerable information concerning the double and triple transfers on the 12c U. S. Plate Number 6900, was recently favored with an addition to the family circle. Conveying the news to a stamp collecting friend, Rev. Geo. W. Vorhis of Springfield, O., Mr. McGown received this letter in reply. It is worthy of being printed in the WEEKLY and our readers will enjoy with us the fine philatelic flavor of the production.—Ed.)

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

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In the *newspaper* we read of the activities of *charter parties,* the sale of *passage tickets,* the achievements of *confederates,* the *official* acts of *postmasters* in the use of *post office seals,* the growth of *foreign exchange* and *inland exchange,* the society devotees *playing cards* and dancing *quadrilles, conveyance* of property secured by *mortgage, leases* of *rural* lands, *probate of will* of the wealthy, increase of *bills of lading* and *warehouse receipts* at *Manilla,* the rates of *insurance* and *life insurance,* the *power of attorneys* to make *contracts,* the advertisements of *match and medicine* firms, and many other things, but the greatest is the *certificate* that the stock has brought what is more valuable than an *o. g.* or a rare *provisional.*

Some new experiences will also come when he *essays* to *overprint* an *inverted* treasure with chewing *gum,* or you find he has *laid paper* covered with candy on a rare copy on *wove paper,* or you discover a cherished *unused* has been *used* by him to test his power of *perforation.* You will want to *grill* him but you will find your desires and your actions to be *tete-beche.*

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It's wonderful when you stop to think about it. You mail 1,000 little cards or folders tonight, and tomorrow 1,000 people are thinking about you. What an opportunity for the man with stamps to sell.

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY IS TALKING

COUNTERFEIT DOM. REPUBLICS.

By HERMANN FOCKE.

CHAPTER II.

(The mystery deepens and Mr. Focke's contribution will serve only to arouse curiosity as the relationship between the Dominican government and these counterfeit stamps. Who made them, under what arrangement were they used and who got the remainders? Mr. Focke shows us some covers upon which these counterfeit stamps performed postal duty.—Ed.)

Early in 1911 the Dominican Republic decreed an increase in the stamp tax on all legal papers, and also on commercial drafts (not checks) which required a large number of revenue stamps of denomination of 50c and 1 peso. As there were then no revenue stamps in stock, the regular postage stamps of the issues of 1902 and 1906, etc., were pressed into service, but even the supply of these was insufficient, and about the beginning of March, 1911, I was surprised to find on drafts from that Republic, 50c and 1 peso stamps which I at once detected to be counterfeits of the postage stamps of the 1902 issue (Scott's Nos. 126 and 127); a short time afterwards the stamps also came on the regular mail, and then I began to take notice of the matter.

If you will look over your files you will find that I reported the stamps and due mention was made of their appearance in your new issues Chronicle.

Now as to the status of these stamps: When the first copies arrived in the mails I at once wrote to my friends in Santo Domingo, who had the government contract for postage and revenue stamps printed by the German government printing office at Berlin, and received the reply that their enquiries from the government had been answered by the simple statement that the stamps were available at the post office and were considered good for postage and revenue purposes. I continued my investigations for a long time, but never learned where the stamps had been printed or if some kind of a fraud had been committed, and up to this day the origin of the two stamps remains unknown, although it is my belief that they were printed in Santo Domingo City. The fact is, however, that for over three years the stamps were in use all over the Republic, which seems to me proof enough that they were recognized by the postal authorities as genuine, and I do not see why we should not accept them as such, and give them due space in the catalogues and albums as a special issue.

To relieve you of all doubt, I enclose herewith eight pieces of original covers, on which the stamps are used with other positively genuine stamps, and I have handled hundreds of such covers received in our mail.

You will observe that the dates run from April, 1911, to Nov., 1913, but I am sure that the stamps continued to come after this latter date.

I am glad that I have had this opportunity to explain the status of these counterfeits, and trust that the next catalogue will give them due recognition.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—C. B. Anderson, Inspector in Charge, Austin, Texas, is collecting evidence against the Mason Stamp & Card Co., Eckert, Tex., in connection with their alleged fraudulent use of the mails. Interested parties will do well to note.

—The Detroit Stamp Co., formerly operated by Carl F. Binder, has been sold and the address of the new firm is 224 Pasadena Av., Highland Park, Mich.

—Dr. W. L. Babcock, member of the A. P. S. and the Detroit Philatelic Society, has been summoned to duty by the Secretary of War. He will inspect equipment in the medical corps of the army and navy. Clipping from H. W. Boers.

—"I take the pleasure to herewith enclose $1.50 for a three years renewal. I am pleased to state that I have been a continuous subscriber to the WEEKLY from No. 1 up to the present time (or 26 yrs., 11 weeks) and I hope to keep right on. Wishing you continued success."—HENRY JONAS.

—The Oregon Philatelic Society was organized in Portland on April 5. Officers elected were:—A. G. Brinckerhoff, Pres.; Herman Wagner, Vice Pres.; W. H. Zimmer, Sec.; E. A. Southwick, Treas., and Edwin Caswell, Sales Mgr. The society starts with 30 charter members. Meetings will be held twice a month.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Herman W. Boers, Wm. L. Hamilton, B. E. James and E. T. Nelson.

—"Regarding Paul Lawzarick of Kingston, Pa., you gave publicity to some time ago:—I have heard from the Central Stamp Co., St. Louis, Milton Hubsch, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. and M. R. Houdlette of Melrose Highlands, Mass., who have been stung by him. We are now concentrating an attack upon him."—C. A. BREWSTER.

—J. E. Handshaw of the J. W. Scott Co. advises us that he is ill, but expects to be out soon. His firm recently experienced the loss of a stockbook containing a quantity of old U. S. unused, including high value Columbians and a block of six 15c Agriculture. Dealers are urged to be on the lookout and any information conveyed to Mr. Handshaw will be welcomed.

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DOCUMENTARY AND PROPRIETARY.

By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

Second Issue, Documentary.

CHAPTER XV.—*Designs.*

In the 1871-75 issues the portraits do not always face in the same direction as on the corresponding stamps of the previous issue. In the first issue only the $2, $2.50, $3, $3.50 values and those higher than the $10 show the portrait facing to the right. In the 1871-75 issues the arrangement is as follows:—

Documentary and Proprietary.

Group 1—1c and 2c,	Head to left
Group 2—3c to 20c,	Head to left

Documentary.

Group 3—25c, 30c, 40c,	Head to right
Group 4—50c, 60c, 70c,	Head to right
Group 5—$1, $1.30, $1.50, $1.60, $1.90,	Head to left
Group 6—$2, $2.50, $3, $3.50,	Head to right
Group 7—$5 and $10,	Head to left
Group 8—$20, $25, $50,	Head to right
Group 9—$200,	Head to right
Group 10—$500,	Head to right

Proprietary.

Group 11—50c and $1,	Head to right
Group 12—$5,	Head to right

For beauty of design and engraving the documentaries of this series have no peers. This is especially true of the larger stamps—the values from 25c up. Throughout the series ornamentation of the same style was used on the stamps of the same size and yet the design of each stamp differs from every other. Up to the 20c each one bears the three-quarter portrait of Washington enclosed in an octagonal frame. As in the first issue, the 1c and 2c are slightly smaller than the 3c to 20c and both the 1c and 2c have two numerals though they are differently placed. The 6c and 10c also have two numerals of value, the 3c, 4c, 5c, 15c and 20c one numeral each, and on each stamp the numerals are found in a different position.

The 25c and higher values all have the portrait in a circle which occupies the central part of the design. Each of the 25c, 30c and 40c bears thirteen stars—symbolical of the thirteen original states of our union—placed six above and seven below the medallion. On the 25c they are close to the medallion, on the 30c and 40c they are at the top and bottom edges of the stamps. On each of these three stamps are two United States shields, one above and one below the medallion. On no two of the stamps is the arrangement of the shields, stars and scroll ornamentation just the same.

The 50c, 60c and 70c are without shields and differ from each other chiefly in the arrangement of the inscriptions and the ornamentation around the numerals of value. The $1, $1.60 and $1.90 have thirteen stars, six above and seven below the medallion, and are without shields. The numerals of value rest upon tablets shaped rather like clam shells. There are two shields on the $1.30 and $1.50 placed in opposite corners above and below the medallion and the other corners are occupied with "clam shell" tablets containing the numerals of value. The position of the shields, numerals and inscriptions on the $1.30 is reversed on the $1.50.

Second Issue, Documentary.

CHAPTER XVI.—*Striking Productions.*

On the $2 stamp the numerals are placed on shields, one above and one below the medallion. On the $2.50 and $3 stamps the upper shield gives place to an eagle standing erect with outstretched wings. The $3 differs from the $2.50 chiefly in the shape of the shield containing "$3" and in the arrangement of the inscriptions.

The $3.50 is far different from any of the other three values of this group and contains a whole lesson in United States history. Thirty-four stars are borne upon it—one for each of the states in the union just before the Civil War broke out in 1861. Thirteen of them are found on the stones of an arch curving across the top of the stamp—one on the face of each stone. The thirteen stars and the thirteen stones of the arch represent New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North and South

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Three of the stamps of this group are distinguished from all the rest of the series by bearing the national motto, "E Pluribus Unum". On the $2 it appears at the very top, on the $2.50 at the very bottom, and on the $3.50 it is found twice, crossing the small shield in each upper corner.

The $5 stamp bears a large United States shield containing a numeral of value above and below the medallion. The $10 is somewhat similar but the lower shield is replaced by an eagle standing erect as on the $3 stamp, and the upper shield is like the one on the $3. The numeral of value is preceded by a dollar sign—there is none on the $5.

The $20, $25 and $50 all have the portrait surrounded by four scenes depicting manufacturing, agriculture and commerce, which are alike on each stamp. Each has "U. S. Inter. Revenue" in a curved band near the top with inscriptions of value enclosing the numeral at the bottom. These inscriptions are differently arranged on each denomination. The $25 has no dollar sign and on the $20 the figure "2" is much larger than the dollar sign and the zero. At the top the $20 shows a view of the U. S. Treasury building at Washington, while the $25 and $50 show an eagle poised for flight. On the $25 he stands upon a rock in the sea and on the $50 he is perched upon a mountain top.

All the 1871-75 documentaries and proprietaries are approximately the same size and shape as the corresponding stamps of the first issue and none of the denominations of the first issue were dropped except the $15. The $200 second issue is slightly larger than the $200 first issue and stands upright instead of having the long dimension horizontal. It was first issued November 11, 1871—just a week later than the first stamp of the third issue—so the reader is at liberty to classify it with either the second issue or the third as his fancy may dictate. The design of its red and blue frame can well be described in two columns or so. The "CC" in each upper corner and the "$200" in each lower corner, however, furnish ample identification. Information in the writer's possession indicates that the number issued may have been as great as 671 instead of 441 as stated in the Boston Book. Five copies appear to have been issued during the year ending June 30, 1876, and nearly 600 up to June 30, 1872.

Second Issue, Documentary.

CHAPTER XVII.—*Classics.*

A new documentary stamp of the denomination of $500 was added to the series and first issued October 3, 1871. Like the $200 it is an upright rectangle, but it is much larger than the $200 and is the largest adhesive documentary revenue stamp ever issued by the United States. Measuring 52 by 100 mm.—about two by four inches—it covers an area more than twice as large as the $200 and like the latter, the design consists mostly of lathework in intricate patterns. The total number issued was 204, and of these 188 were issued during the year the tax remained in force and the other 16 in 1873 and 1874, presumably to be placed on documents upon which the tax should have been paid before October 1, 1872. The $500 is the only stamp of the whole series upon which no blue appears. Catalogs and albums have frequently called it "blue, black, green and red", which is correct—all except the blue.

The sheets of the $200 and $500 contained only eight stamps each and it is assumed the stamps were arranged in two horizontal rows of four. No pairs or blocks of either have come on the market in recent years. The plates used for the Civil War revenues were 12½x16 inches and would have accommodated two sheets of eight of the $200 stamps. Perhaps the plates for these two high values were made smaller for more convenient handling as three plates were required for each of them. We can readily understand why the single impression process was abandoned on the lower values but might expect it to have been retained for the $200 and $500 of which so few were printed, as the arrangement of the colors on these required very careful printing to obtain satisfactory results. Nevertheless no copies of either stamp seen by the writer were printed at one operation. On every copy examined somewhere part of the design lapped over on another part. The men who designed and engraved these two colossal stumbling blocks in the path of those revenue collectors who would achieve completeness have long since passed away and therefore the writer feels safe in voicing his opinion that both the $200 and $500 could be improved upon. Still, neither of them is usually considered unattractive.

A $5,000 stamp was engraved and proofs of it exist, but no stamps were ever issued or printed. The portrait is the same size as on the $20 value and faces right. In size it is indeed gigantic, even larger than the $500, for it measures about 2¾ by 4½ inches. A space was provided on it for a serial number so a record could be kept of each copy sold—a plan put into use in the Spanish War series 27 years later. The proofs of the $5,000 are simply gorgeous and far more beautiful than the $500 stamps. One could wish the $500 stamps had been printed in the $5,000 design.

(*To be continued.*)

HONDURAS No. 181, CATALOG VALUE.

Luther Mott, Jr., calls our attention to the fact that the advertisement of W. C. Phillips & Co., April 14, offered Honduras No. 181, 1p, as having a catalog price unused of $7.00, while the Errata in the catalog states that the correct value is $1. We find that Mr. Mott's contention is correct and if any of our subscribers are dissatisfied with their purchase of this stamp at $3.40, the stamp should be returned and money refunded. We thank Mr. Mott for calling our attention to this matter and would urge every dealer to quote correctly catalog values, bearing in mind the changes indicated in the Errata.

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—We have received from C. M. Breder a clipping from the Newark (N. J.) *Call,* which states that a stamp collectors club has been organized in connection with the High Schools of that city. Charles Barbier of the South Side High School has been elected president, Walter Cobb of the Central High School, secretary, and Albert Simpson of the East Side High School, treasurer. Wm. B. Morningstern, who has charge of the technical room of the Library is the honorary advisor of the stamp club, and a well known collector.

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After remarking that there is no country whose postal history from the student philatelist's point of view is so fascinating as that of our ally, France, and that every political change of importance, and every campaign undertaken by her, from the early days of the seventeenth century to the present time has left behind it some record marked in collectible form on the covers of letters of the period, Mr. Turner proceeds to a short survey of the letters of the reign of the "Grand Monarque," the days of Louis XV, and the times of the First Republic and Napoleonic period. "All this history," he concludes, "in its many dramatic changes, can be illustrated step by step in his collection by the philatelist, and will undoubtedly add greatly to its general interest. Philately has a future which as yet can scarcely be realized."—*Stamp Collectors' Quarterly.*

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Mulling—From Washington, we continue to hear, through the grace of several correspondents, of plans for the collecting of huge amounts of taxes by revenue stamps. Yet, advises an informant, it is impossible to determine at this time just how extensive a range the stamps will have, as at the last moment changes may be effected that will disarrange present purposes. If definitive action is taken based upon the premises as they stand today, the assurance is given that collectors will be asked to welcome a wonderful variety of stamps for revenue purposes. Time will soon tell what the future has in store.

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Mixed—From Brazil, a new commemorative stamp 100 reis blue, has been coming on the mail; and it has for its central design, the flag of the country. At left, on a column encircled with bannerettes is the inscription (translated): Centennial of the republican revolution in Pernambuco, March, 1817,—hence, the legend, "1817—1917" in the upper right corner, This revolution antedated the independence that was proclaimed by Brazil, September 7, 1822, when the liberal Prince Dom Pedro, was chosen Emperor Pedro I, he having disobeyed the Portuguese government at Lisbon in refusing to listen to his recall. For several weeks past, a new two cent red of Cuba has been on the mail, the stamp bearing the portrait of Maximo Gomez; and we welcome this opportunity to study the features of the liberator to better advantage than on the stamp of the earlier issue. Washington is using the special cancellation: Twenty Seventh Reunion United Confederate Veterans, Washington, D. C., June 4-8-1917, thereby showing that our post office department can be very gracious on occasion. A reader sends for inspection a copy of the "2 cents" surcharge on the 3 cent numeral of Canada, with a distinct break in the lower half of "s" of cents.

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Somnus—A dealer was talking to several of his kind and with the air of divulging a state secret, he said that he interested a certain heavy buyer in stamps by having prescribed stamp collecting as an antidote for insomnia with which the victim suffered. There was no gainsaying the beneficial results that attended the taking of the advice and the patient is grateful. He is glad to spend a good amount for stamps as a votive offering, but we suspect that he is becoming more engrossed in his stamps all the time even though he does manage to fall asleep over them. Another dealer said that one of his customers wrote to him that he liked stamps very much and often fell asleep over them but the dealer did not consider this leaf from the book of experience a particularly happy one as a compliment to stamps.

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Confirmed—A young man who found it hard to pass the batteries of eyes that were leveled on him as he made his way through the lines of human ornaments at the dealer's shop, blurted out to the wise man of stamps: "Is this a three cent pink? I don't want to buy anything; I just want to know. I've looked over about a—" Coldly, the dealer interrupted, "Let me see," and glancing at the specimen, the dealer said: "It is one of the best pinks that I have ever seen." It was.

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Politics—In a recent letter, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer informs us that he will be a candidate for sales superintendent of the American Philatelic Society and it is our opinion that by all means the organization should endorse him again. This is the most important department of the corporation and it is necessary that it be under the management of a reliable and efficient officer. We believe that the sales department has been put to unusual expenses for the past two or three years and it becomes almost an obligation that Mr. Wolsieffer be given the opportunity to restore the balance. Nominations for officers in the American Philatelic Society should be made by the Branches at once and it should be the object to select real workers as candidates; and, in this connection, the present secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, can qualify. He has instituted a membership drive that is bringing in a good number of members and in different ways, he is stimulating an interest in the growth of the society. It is all right to offer prizes as an incentive to recruiting new members and what was once considered a proper formality in this connection is now regarded as but an empty form.

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Allen—Recently, Mr. Poole said when listing "Allen's City Dispatch" in his Dictionary that he was unable to discover where it was operated during the years 1882-83 that it was in existence. Through a lapse on our part, the definition was not revised or amplified, somewhat to the surprise of a few of our friends who remembered that we had written at some length at different times in the past on the Allen Dispatch stamps. In this connection, the *Postage Stamp*, London, generously says: "Mr. 'Charlie' Severn of MEKEEL'S has surely not forgotten the opportunities he had, and took, in 1897, of examining the biggest stock of these stamps handled by a dealer." Etc. This observation recalls not a few incidents as to the post and its stamps, several of which we shall recite briefly. When Col. Stuart on behalf of the government put the finishing touches to the enterprise early in 1883, there was a deluge of the pink on yellow variety perforated, in particular, and the messenger and office boys were in their glory and they made nuisances of themselves by pasting the stamps that they "seized" on store windows and elsewhere. For a good many years after the suppression of the post, all of the stamps, including the red on yellow imperforate were so common in Chicago that they were practically neglected and it was only two or three years ago that at a banquet of the Chicago Philatelic Society the menu was enclosed in an envelope "franked" with an Allen's local duly postmarked with a rubber stamped "spread eagle" in fac-simile of the original cancellation. Messrs. McDonald and Severn were responsible for this conceit and several scores of the stamps, including all varieties, were utilized. For our part we were very liberal in parceling out the stamps as they belonged to Mr. McDonald, who had sheets of them. Old-timers in Chicago, such as Messrs. Bradt, Stevens, Pierce, and other stamp men, and Colonel James E. Stuart have told many interesting if not important details of Allen and his stamps. Mr. Henry C. Needham in his splendid work on local posts in the *Philatelic Gazette* no doubt is correct in saying that the rate at which the stamps were sold to the public varied with the volume of business bestowed but small lots of the stamps were charged for at the rate of one cent each. While Mr. Allen came in contact with Chicago dealers and sold them his stamps canceled, yet it is unlikely, as Mr. Needham says, that philatelic considerations entered into the issue of the stamps.

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BAYR.—A contraction of the word "Bayern" shown on the 1870 postage due stamps of Bavaria.

BAYERN.—The name by which the kingdom of Bavaria is known to its inhabitants and which, of course, appears on its postage stamps.

BAYONNE CITY DISPATCH.—A local post operating in the city of Bayonne, New Jersey, in 1883, and in connection with which a special 1c stamp and 1c envelope were issued.

B. C. A.—The first stamps used in British Central Africa—from 1891 to 1895—consisted of the stamps of the British South Africa Company overprinted with the letters "B. C. A." These stamps were used in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, but when special stamps were issued their use was confined to the latter territory which was renamed the British Central Africa Protectorate.

B. C. M.—These initials, signifying "British Consular Mail", appear upon the stamps issued at Antananarivo, Madagascar, by the British Vice-Consul in March, 1884.

B. D.—An overprint found upon certain South Australian stamps used between 1868 and 1874 on the correspondence of the "Barracks Department". They were superseded in 1874 by the general issue for all official departments overprinted with the letters "O. S."

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BEAUMONT.—One of the chief cities in the State of Texas, having a population of over 20,000. In 1861, the then postmaster of this city, issued special 10c stamps for the prepayment of postage and these remained in use until they were superseded by the general issue for the Confederate States.

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.—A vast stretch of territory north of British Bechuanaland, South Africa, having an area of about 275,000 square miles. It is bounded on the east by the Transvaal, on the north by Rhodesia and the Zambesi, and on the west by German South-west Africa. The population of about 200,000 is almost entirely a native one, the chief tribes being the Bakathla, under chief Lenchwe; the Bakweni, under chief Sepele; the Bangwaketsi, under chief Bathoen; the Bamalete, under chief Mokgosi; the Sekoma, under chief Batawana; and the Bamangwato, under the Christian and enlightened chief Khama. The High Commissioner for South Africa has the power of making laws by proclamation for the Protectorate, and he is represented by a Resident Commissioner. The headquarters of the Protectorate Administration are at Mafeking, Cape Colony. The Resident Commissioner superintends the native chiefs who rule under the tribal system. A hut-tax is collected and no licenses for the sale of spirits are allowed. The principal European centres are Gaberones, Francistown and Serowe, the capital, whither Chief Khama and all his people moved a few years ago from Palapye. The first postage stamps for use in the Protectorate were issued in August, 1888.

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BELEM, SILVESTRE CORREIA.—A Portuguese artist who designed the 10 reis stamp of the Vasco da Gama issue which appeared in 1898.

BELGIEN.—The name surcharged on certain German stamps, with new values in francs and centimes, which were used in the occupied parts of Belgium during the great European war.

BELGIE POSTERIJEN.—An inscription shown on the Belgian stamps of 1891-96 being the Flemish equivalent of "Postes Belgique" which appears on the same labels. These words, of course, mean "Belgium Post".

BELGIQUE.—The French designation of Belgium which appears on all the stamps of that country issued since 1869.

BELGISCH CONGO.—The Flemish equivalent of "Belgian Congo" as shown upon the current stamps of that country.

BELGIUM.—A small country in central Europe lying between France, Prussia and the Netherlands. It has an area of 11,373 square miles and a population exceeding seven millions. Flemish and French are the languages spoken, both being now on an official equality, and for this reason the name of the country is expressed on its stamps as Belgie (Flemish) and Belgique (French). The kingdom was in ancient times inhabited by the Belgae—a Celtic speaking German tribe—and formed part of the Gallia Belgica of the Romans. In 1815 the country was joined to the kingdom of the Netherlands, an arrangement which was upset by the revolution of 1830. On October 4th, 1830, a National Congress proclaimed its independence and on June 4th, 1831, Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was chosen hereditary king. The first postage stamps for Belgium were issued on July 1st, 1849.

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BENGASI.—A seaport in Tripoli, north Africa, usually known as Benghazi. It has a population of about 21,000. For some time the Italian Government has had a Consular office at this town which transacts postal business. In 1901, a special 1 piastre stamp was issued for the use of this office this being formed by overprinting the contemporary 25c stamp of Italy with "Bengasi—1 piastre 1" in two lines. The town is of ancient origin, and was named Berenice when founded, in honor of the wife of Ptolemy II.

BENIN.—A French colony on the coast of the Gulf of Benin, West Africa, which is now included in the colony of Dahomey. Postage stamps for the use of this territory were first issued in 1892, French stamps of the "Commerce" type being overprinted "BENIN" for the purpose. In 1893, a set bearing the name "GOLFE DE BENIN" was issued followed by another in the following year inscribed "BENIN". These separate stamps were superseded in 1899 by the general issue for Dahomey and Dependencies.

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UNITED STATES.—According to J. M. Bartels the following new envelopes have been issued:

Issue 1915.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
1c	A	2	White	20	94
Issue 1916 (Circular)					
2c	A	3	White	19	92
2c	A	4	White	19	95
2c	D	7	Blue	19	96
2c	A	Wr.	Manila	21	Wr.

CANADA.—Gladstone Perry states that he has received a letter from the Superintendent of the postage stamp department at Ottawa, which says in part:—"No imperforate stamps of any of the denominations at present at use in Canada have been issued." It is evident that the 3c brown war tax chronicled imperforate must have been a coil stamp with trimmed edges. Will subscribers please submit specimens of varieties that are offered for chronicle?

Mrs. E. W. Oughtred confirms the contention raised by Mr. Perry and specimens of the so-called imperforates submitted show faint traces of the perforations.

CHILE.—Percy McG. Mann has shown us the new 5c stamp, which differs from the balance of the set, in that it is engraved on dry paper, unlike the others which are lithographed; it also bears the portrait of Cochrane replacing that of O'Higgins. The same party has also shown us three quite different shades of the 2c stamp.

Adhesive Regular.

5c blue (portrait of Cochrane).

CUBA.—I. C. Greene, J. M. Bartels and Percy McG. Mann have submitted copies of the 2c of the new type, chronicled in MEKEEL'S of two weeks ago.

FRANCE.—The philatelic authorities in France have issued the following important notice, founded upon official notice.

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MAURITIUS.—J. A. Galbraith has submitted copy of 25c, white back as chronicled in our last issue.

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NEW ZEALAND.—The writer has seen an unusual cover from this section of the Australian Commonwealth; it bears a handstamp, an upright frame the size of the current stamps with value in numerals "1½d" in each upper corner, the numeral "60" in a central circle, with the inscription "POSTAGE PAID" in two lines above, "3 HALFPENCE" underneath and "AUCKLAND" at the bottom. The recipient believes that this handstamp was used to prevent messages from being placed beneath an adhesive stamp, though it is more likely this is a product of the postal machines that have been installed in some of the Australian colonies. The envelope was marked "T 30 centimes" (Postage Due 6c), showing that the post office department has not recognized the hand stamp. Cover is dated March 30th, 1917. Auckland.

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To my mind the Postmaster-General of 1870 was right. The decrease in size of the halfpenny stamp was wisely decided upon. The principle of the official acceptance of size as indication of value was sound. India is wise in issuing larger stamps for the values over one rupee, and might well adopt a smaller size for the quarter and half annas values. The Postal Union throws away a most valuable department aid to service efficiency when disregarding the significance that might be made to lie in a properly worked-out meaning to be attached to size.

These remarks are occasioned by the appearance of another batch of large-sized postage stamps from Barbados, and (to a less degree) by the issue of a long series of Revenue stamps, consisting of postals overprinted in fancy colours with many defective stops and other "errors." The hitherto almost clean domain of imperial philatelic fiscaldom has thus been besmirched by Barbados, not because her postals are being adapted to fiscal purposes (England did that legitimately only a few months ago), but because of needless errors, etc., in the overprintings.

In 1903 Antigua brought out a 1d stamp of abnormal size. I, for one, had decided to collect all the Empire issues of the new reign. Antigua broke the uniformity of the general idea of Empire stamps, and so dropped out of my plan of action. There was no need whatever for that abnormality. Its size was significant of nothing but bad taste, disregard of philatelic conventions, and waste of paper, pigments, and album space.

But for Antiguas causing me to alter my good intention to collect all Empire issues from the beginning of Edwardian Philately I might by now have acquired them all. She created a rift in the lute, which widened until all the music went.

We all know Barbados' record since 1897. There is no occasion to talk about Barbados. After a while a collector wanting Barbados stamps would be wise to buy them only by the slice.

As for Antigua she is reported as being about to discontinue the issue of large stamps. Having eaten the husks and done the mischief, we ought, I suppose, now to trot out the fatted calf, and present it with compliments to a repentant Antigua.—*London Philatelist.*

THE LAST OF THE "WHITE BACKS."

In recording the arrival of the new 25c stamp of Mauritius, on surface-coloured paper, we referred to it as the "last of the 'white backs'." We are reminded by H. A. Withers that the 3d Malta on the provisional paper has yet to make its appearance, and that this is now the only one of the famous "white backs" on the overdue list. "Specimen" copies of the 3d value in the Georgian series for Malta, on the surface-coloured paper, were distributed so long ago as the autumn of 1913, so one may almost be pardoned for "giving it up as a bad job." It is certainly curious that the 3d of the Edwardian series, on ordinary Crown C A paper, is still in use, and it is evident that there must have been enormous stocks of the value in question.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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BOSTON, April 17, 1917.

To hold the attention of 30 men for an hour and a half with a single issue of the stamps of the United States would seem to be almost impossible, yet that is what Mr. Van Dyk MacBride accomplished this evening. Those who were present were treated to one of the most interesting exhibitions which the Society has ever had in its room. The collection was a wonderful one, both in its material and its arrangement and the talk which Mr. MacBride gave, (he insisted it was not a lecture) showed great research, and interest in his topic, and was bright and snappy from the beginning to the end. There is probably not a more difficult set of stamps in the catalogue in which one could specialize, yet he has succeeded in getting together a wealth of material, arranged on original lines, with sufficient variety to hold the constant attention of his audience.

Among the interesting things shown were essays, plate proofs, in trial and adopted colors, papers of various kinds, stitch watermarks, grilles of different sizes, split, double, quadruple and one with five, perforation varieties, cancellations in red, brown, blue, green, orange, etc., postmarks, covers showing the different rates for postage in this country and abroad, etc., all of which were mounted in a logical sequence and when Mr. MacBride finished his talk, the books were handed around and those present had the opportunity of looking them over at their leisure. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. MacBride, and Pres. Brown in calling for this vote remarked that the entertainment committee would have to work very hard to provide another exhibition which would equal the one which had been given this evening.

The applications of Mr. Franklin S. Billings, proposed by Mr. W. S. Barker and of Mr. Fred G. Floyd, proposed by the Secretary, were read and posted, to be voted upon at the next meeting.

It is proposed to have a lantern lecture at the May meeting with a special invitation to the younger stamp collectors around Boston.

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Editorial in *London Philatelist.*

(We reprint this article from the "London Philatelist" in order that our readers may get an insight into the situation confronting the British mind in connection with philately and "enemy" issues. It is evident that the sweeping Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., declaration sets too high the standard for future ethics in the British stamp trade. The publishers "announce their intention in the future not to catalog new stamps now current of the German Empire after the war."—ED.)

In war, both in the fields of action and home interests, it is eminently advisable to take long views. The terrible struggle must finish before any very long period—we hope this year—when the nations will all draw breath and take stock of their relative positions. The questions of the future relationships that are to exist between the two warring sections of Europe will involve the greatest problems—both financial, political and social. As regards the former, each opponent nation will endeavour to build up its income regardless of the shrinkage thereof caused to its enemy. In the long run there will be modifications and a *modus vivendi.*

As regard political matters, there will be evolutions and upheavals, and it may be that no great part of the twentieth century will have passed before the passing of autocracies.

With respect to social matters, in which we broadly include science, art, music, hygiene and all forms of civilized intercourse, there must be a softening down of the asperities and vindictiveness of war fury. The genius of Shakespeare, Koch, Marconi, Edison or Mendelssohn cannot fortunately be blotted out by war, and "all that is best in the worst of us" will again help to operate for the general good and enjoyment of mankind.

These several influences will naturally affect the microcosm of our own philatelic realm. As regards the political aspect, the evolution of new nations of the revolution in old ones will but ultimately add to the historical interest of Philately. As regards the two remaining points, the social, i. e. philatelic, and financial position, these two are so absolutely interwoven that they must be considered together.

The postal issues of the enemy states, notably those of Germany, have been—and no doubt are still—held in vast quantities in Great Britain, France, Italy, the United States and elsewhere. The stamps included in this section comprise a very important part of the general European issues. The post-war stamps stand on a different footing, but it is futile to deny that the fine old issues of half a century back are as absolutely dissevered from modern Prusso-German ruthlessness as is the genius of Beethoven or Goethe. There can be no reason, at a future date, for ignoring either the one or the other. There are, however, obvious difficulties to the continuance of such collections if we are to have "nothing German" and not to trade in any fashion with our present enemies—but time will show how far this is practicable.

On the other hand, the very possible disposal of large and valuable collections of these stamps now in the hands of collectors among the Allies has to be considered. Such sales would probably be effected with neutral countries, whence the stamps would doubtless percolate to enemy countries, where their own issues will probably be collected with even greater fervour than before. In this event it seems to us premature and unadvisable to decry or depreciate the value of these issues. They have been legitimately acquired in past years, and if they are "slumped" by adverse action in the allied countries, it is the enemy who will benefit by acquiring them at a value far below their own assessment. If another big European or general collection was offered to the stamp trade, the old German, Austrian and other enemy issues might represent thousands of pounds. If dealers on our side decline to offer a just value for the stamps of the hostile camp the collection would doubtless go to the neutral markets from whence the allied countries' issues would flow back to ourselves. It is not to be expected that in the reverse case the German vendors would depreciate their value, and a first issue of Roumania or a Post Office Mauritius would probably be assessed at the highest figure that the wily Teuton could wring from us. It seems to us, therefore, that it is wiser for us all to take long views in the philatelic as well as in the political sphere, and not to anticipate the solutions that are so frequently affected by the lapse of time and the opportunity for reflection.

The action taken by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., as elsewhere recorded, has brought this question to the fore, and while it has evoked every feeling of sympathy and admiration of the patriotism underlying the pronouncement, it is felt in many quarters that it is one of the many very difficult problems arising from this fearful struggle, and that it is incapable of final solution until the world has in some degree recovered its sanity at the conclusion of the war.

OREGON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The stamp collectors of Oregon at an enthusiastic meeting held recently at the Central Library, Portland, organized the Oregon Philatelic Society. A. G. Brinckerhoff was the temporary president. A committee of three consisting of Robert G. Dieck, Edwin Caswell and E. A. Southwick, was appointed to prepare a constitution for consideration at the next meeting, at which permanent officers will be elected. Sixteen collectors were present.

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CHAPTER VI.

The 1887 Provisional.

In 1887 the first provisional stamp for the Danish West Indies made its appearance. According to Mr. Hanciau this was "announced by a circular of the 12th May" and, presumably it was placed on sale on that day. This temporary stamp consists of the 7 cents stamp of 1874 overprinted "1 CENT" in black, and the surcharge is said to have been ordered by the Postmaster at St. Thomas owing to the stock of ordinary 1 cent stamps at his office having been purchased by one of the principal firms of merchants in the island for prepaying the postage on their monthly circular.

Information regarding this variety is particularly scanty for there appear to be no published records of the number issued or with regard to the methods adopted in its production.

It is recorded with double surcharge—a variety of some scarcity— with the "1" omitted, with most of the upper half of the "1" broken off, and with period after "CENT". We have also seen a copy with a distinct accent above the "E" of "CENT". The philatelic merit of these minor varieties is, however, open to question. The variety with numeral omitted may be due to nothing more than misplacement of the surcharge while the others, unless proved to be "constant" varieties during at least one period of the process of overprinting are more in the nature of curiosities than errors.





CHAPTER VII.

The 1895 Provisional.

On May 18th, 1895, another provisional stamp was issued—a number of the then current 50 cents stamps being reduced in value to 10 cents by means of a surcharge. There seems to have been no shortage of 10 cents stamps, and the real reason for the issue of this provisional was simply a desire to reduce the too plentiful stock of 50 cents stamps which had accumulated. The surcharge consisted of "10—CENTS—1895" in three lines in black, and as the 50 cents of both the early and late printings were on hand, this surcharge may be found on the stamps on thin semi-transparent paper as well as on those printed on thicker paper.

This surcharge was, we believe, applied to half sheets (five horizontal rows of ten stamps) at a time, and the following minor varieties occur in the setting:

(a) Small thin "9" in "1895"
(b) Narrow "5" in "1895"
(c) Large top to "5" in "1895"
(d) Long straight top to "5" in "1895"
(e) The top portion of the "1" of "10", including the serif, has been broken off, making it shorter and flat topped.

It was at one time reported that specimens with inverted surcharge were in existence. The earliest mention I can find of these "errors" appears in the *Monthly Journal* for July, 1895, viz.:—

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320-22	Jamestown, complete, fine	.06
331	13c green, fine	.15
450-61	Parcel Post, complete	1.10
336a	2c Alaska, pair unused	.10
567	$2.00 State, slight tear	8.00
2818c	3c Telegraph, fine	.14
2827c	5c Playing Cards, fine	.35
2876c	$1.30 Foreign Ex., fine	.35
2890c	$5.00 Mortgage, good	.50
2895c	$10.00 Charter Party, fine	.65
2896c	$15.00 Mortgage, fine	4.00
2897a	$20.00 Conveyance, fine	1.00
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2925	$3.00 blue, 2nd Issue, fine	.70
4154	1c black, entire, fine	.17

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Scott's No.	Value & Year.	Unused.	Used
14	1c rose, 1859, fine	.65	.15
16	10c violet, 1859, fine	4.00	.70
19	12½c green, 1859, fine	2.75	.45
32	1c yellow 1869, fine	.08	.01
35	6c yellow brown, 1869	.75	.06
37	5c olive green, 1875	2.00	.90
39	15c lilac, 1875, fine	.60	.22
42	3c vermilion, fine, 1882	.08	.01
43	5c gray, 1882, fine	.18	.02
44	6c red brown, 1882, fine	.55	.07
45	10c brown red, 1882, fine	1.75	.25
49a	8c black violet, 1892, fine	.90	.05
56	8c violet black, 1897	.28	.18
71	6c brown, 1897, fine	.20	.12
80	8c orange, 1898, fine	.20	.15
88	7c olive yellow, 1899, fine	.13	.06
96-103	Quebec, complete, fine	1.10	.90
104-110	King George, 1912, fine	1.20	.12
151	2c orange, 1875, fine	.15	.03
152	2c scarlet, 1875, fine	.30	.10
153	5c yellow green, 1875	.15	.03
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4c	carmine lake	" " 262	.04	1p	pale violet	" " 271	.75
6c	deep violet	" " 263	.05	4p	deep blue	" " 273	2.75
8c	brown	" " 264	.06	10p	green	" " 274	6.50
10c	dark blue	" " 265	.08	30c	gray	" " 275	.25
12c	orange	" " 266	.09	20c	Special Del. perf. 10		.15
26c	green	" " 269	.20	2p	violet brown Scott's No. 260A		2.00

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hardly probable that such a variety ever existed.

A variety of somewhat slight philatelic interest was caused by a few half sheets having the overprint so misplaced that the top row of stamps were without the date "1895" and the other four rows showed the date *above* the value.

Another variety of doubtful authenticity was recorded in the *Monthly Journal* for June, 1903, viz:—

"A correspondent at St. Croix tells us that he has met with a used specimen of an error of the provisional 10c of 1895, namely, the 1c surcharged instead of the 50c. He adds that he was told that only one sheet was thus overprinted, in error.

Whether such a variety exists or not, we cannot say positively but we have certainly not been able to trace its existence on more than hearsay evidence. We agree with Mr. Hanciau that "such a mistake could not have occurred without a certain amount of intention," and "it is more likely that a sheet of the 1-cent was employed for a trial impression, to judge of the appearance of the overprint," so that "the error would thus be an essay if it exists at all."

CHAPTER VIII.

The New Perforation.

In 1896 the Government Printing Office at Copenhagen installed a new perforating machine, having a gauge of 12½x13, instead of the 14x13½ gauge of the old machine. The only stamp for the Danish West Indies printed in that year was the 5 cents, and this, of course, had the new perforation. According to Mr. Hanciau, this variety was issued in October, 1896. In January, 1898, new supplies of the 1 and 3 cents values were received at St. Thomas, and these also shewed the 12½x13 perforation. The only other denominations of the 1873 type found with this perforation are the 10 cents and 4 cents, which were issued in March and September, 1901, respectively.

These stamps have the same watermark as those of the preceding issue of similar type, and as the same plates were used, the variety of the 3 cents with prominent flaw is found, as well as the period between the "T" and "S" of "CENTS" on the 10 cents.

CHAPTER IX.

The "Arms" Design.

In 1899 the Government of the Danish West Indies received a special request from the Universal Postal Union at Berne to issue its 1 and 5 cents denominations in green and blue respectively in accordance with the regulations of the Union. This request was at once complied with, and at the same time the change of colors took place it was decided to adopt the same design as Denmark was then using for its corresponding values.



This design shows the Arms of Denmark—three Lions passant, in a shield surmounted by a Royal Crown—enclosed within an oval band inscribed "DANSK VESTINDIEN" (Danish West Indies) above, and "POSTFRIM," followed by the value in "CENTS," below. The oval band is broken at the sides by large circles, upon which the required numerals of value appear. In each of the corners small numerals, set diagonally, are shown, and the design is completed by a single-line rectangular frame with fancy ornamentation in the spandrels. The size of the complete design is 17x21 mm.

The original die was engraved by Mr. Ch. Danielsen, and this bore no numerals, either in the oval band, the circles or the corners, these details being added to the secondary dies used in the actual manufacture of the plates. The stamps were surface printed on the usual Crown watermarked paper, and they show the 12½x13 perforation. The actual date of issue of the 1 and 5 cents, which were the first denominations prepared in this type, is uncertain. The 1 cent was chronicled in June, 1900, and the 5 cents in the following month, so that they were probably on sale in May and June of that year, respectively.

The only other values issued in this type, the 2 and 8 cents, did not appear until some time later—June, 1903, to be exact—but though it disturbs chronological sequence slightly, they are more conveniently classified with the 1 and 5 cents than treated as a separate issue.

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NEW HAVEN VISITS HARTFORD.

The Collectors' Club of Hartford, Ct., at its meeting, April 23, had as guests a large delegation from the New Haven Stamp Club. The visitors came up in automobiles and were received at the club rooms in The Virginia Inn. With them were collectors from Bridgeport, Milford and elsewhere. Some superb local collections were shown, followed by a luncheon, at which a number of the visitors made brief addresses. President Sanborn of the New Haven Club was especially cordial in his appreciation. One speaker advocated the formation of a state club.

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	2a	yellow green	.02
	4a	dark rose	.03
	8a	dark green and orange	.03
1906	1a	orange and green	.02
	2a	violet and slate	.03
	4a	gray and red	.02
	5a	carmine and rose	.10
	8a	black and olive bistre	.03
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Referring to "France and French Colonies," the "Introduction" states that "the stamps of our brave Allies are in great and well-deserved demand, and owing to the exhaustion of stock many hundreds of quotations have had to be very much advanced."

On the other hand, in referring to "Germany and Her States," we read the following:—"This group of stamps is quite under a cloud. Very few collectors or Britishers in general want anything 'made in Germany,' and we have largely reduced our prices in order to get rid of this portion of our stock, which we do not wish to replace."

A perusal of the pages of the catalogue 322 to 357 will show, however, that, in a large majority of instances, these reductions only apply to the higher priced stamps, principally unused; the cheaper kind being mostly left as they were; while the price of several of the lately issued German Colonies are omitted altogether.

Possibly the demand for the stamps of the German Empire is at present very much below normal, but are collectors warranted in tabooing the stamps of the German Empire which were issued before the war? While we yield to no one in our loyalty to the British Throne and the cause of the Allies, still there seems a danger that some collectors will outrun their wisdom and let politics interfere with philately to a greater extent than should be the case. We should not be at all surprised to find, after the war, that the collection of the stamps of the German Empire—at any rate up to the period preceding August 4th, 1914—is removed from the domain of politics altogether, and while Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., have a perfect right to make whatever announcements they please, it is for collectors themselves to collect whatsoever stamps they feel interested in, and, so long as the stamps have been issued legitimately, we see no reason why they should be viewed politically.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

WAR POSTAL MEASURE.

WASHINGTON, April 7, 1917.
ORDER No. 211.

Ordered that, during the continuance of hostilities between the United States and Germany, no letters, packages, or other mail matter originating within the United States or its possessions and destined for Germany, or addressed to any post office, port, or other place within the jurisdiction of Germany, or to any person residing within the jurisdiction of Germany, shall be dispatched from the United States to their said destination; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the seizure or detention of any foreign closed transit mails for Germany originating in other foreign countries or originating in Germany and destined for any other foreign country (not her colony or dependency) while in transit over territory of the United States, which closed mails should be returned by the United States exchange office first receiving them to the country whence received, accompanied by a Bulletin of Verification, stating that the United States can not act as intermediary for the forwarding of such mails.

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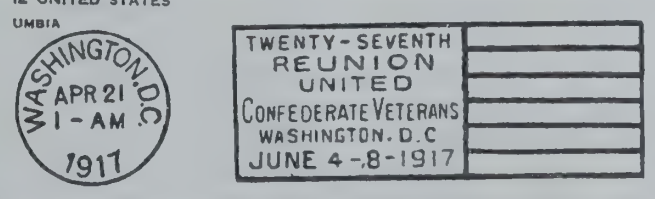
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Official—Elsewhere in this number we expect to publish Order No. 211 by the postmaster general, defining the treatment of mail originating in this country and destined for Germany. The discontinuance of postal relations between two countries has its historical aspects, and for purposes of record we reprint the order.

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Increase—The newspaper despatches, telling of the proposed increase of the single letter rate by one cent, as favored by the post office department, attracted the attention of collectors. A Washington correspondent had intimated to us that among the forms that war taxation would take, in all probability, was the imposition of a cent tax on each letter, irrespective of weight. The postmaster-general may make recommendations of this kind. but he is not authorized to change the rates in any way, Congress alone having this prerogative. We may reasonably expect the co-operation of the post office department in collecting war funds.

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Well—A collector who was very anxious to get a fine copy of a certain stamp bid something over catalogue on it in an auction sale, in which the stamp was described as "superb." When the bidder saw that he paid the full amount of his bid for the stamp in question he did not wince. He would be satisfied if the stamp was up to the catalogue description. It was.

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Gone—The death of Mr. M. P. Castle, as reported in our issue of the 21st ultimo, removes, as has been said, a link between the first and last generations of collectors. When Mr. Castle retired from business in 1892, he took a trip around the world, and America was in the itinerary. We remember having met Mr. Castle and his companions in that year, and we were impressed with Mr. Castle's unusually keen interest in stamps.

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Another—A new five cent stamped envelope has been issued, which is described as "the No. 8 stamped envelope, 4⅛ by 9½ inches, in 5-cent denomination. This envelope is intended especially for mailing abroad papers of sizes and shapes not adapted to the small No. 3 and No. 5 5-cent envelopes. It will be issued in either white or amber paper and of 'high-back' pattern only, at the following prices:

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Centennial—We acknowledge our obligations to Mr. George B. Sloane, New York City, who writes: "I noticed in the issue of April 21st, 1917, an editorial referring to the special postmarks employed in advertising exhibitions, etc., and that you do not recollect having seen one for the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876. For your satisfaction and guidance, I take pleasure in submitting herewith, a cover bearing a three cent green, showing the postmark, 'Centennial, Phila'da, Pa.' It is of the type generally in use at that period and is the only one that I have ever seen. This postmark is probably the forerunner of its class and I should be interested in knowing whether there is anything earlier." This postmark catches our eye, and it is our opinion that it is the first official special postmark of the kind. It antedated the advertising postmark applied to letters mailed on the famous trans-continental train that bore a theatrical troupe from New York to San Francisco in 1877 (was it?). We say, official, advisedly in this connection, as, so early as the year 1864, an impression in true postmark form was applied to letters mailed in the post office of the Great Central Fair of the U. S. Sanitary Commission, which was so successfully held at Philadelphia in the summer of 1864. It may be added that Mr. Sloane's envelope is embellished on the reverse side with a large cut of the commodious building, "Ohio Headquarters Philadelphia."

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Slick—From Mr. George Ward Linn, Columbus, Ohio, we have received an old circular whose context shows that the poor postmasters of a half-century or more ago were the objects of blandishments that almost were irresistible. Here is a business proposition copied from the circular that might have been one of the choice originations of Sam Slick,—a Yankee notion that the P. O. D. would loudly veto in this day: "POST OFFICE BUSINESS. Providence, R. I., November 24th, 1860—, Post Master. Dear Sir: We now have on hand, and are constantly making letters, circulars, etc., to be transported through the mail, and are desirous of pre-paying the postage on the same in watches, jewelry and other salable property, at a good discount from ordinary wholesale rates. Besides obtaining goods at surprisingly low prices, in a trade of this kind, you obtain a commission of sixty per cent. from the department, which additional profit reduces the prices of goods received from us to comparatively nothing! It is obvious, and needs no figuring on your part, that if you have any market for the wares that we wish to exchange, that an enormous profit of at least six or eight hundred per cent. can be realised, besides the advantage obtained in increasing the business of your office, entitling you to a marking and rating stamp with change of dates, also printed way bills, wrapping paper, twine, etc., besides the satisfaction that an enterprising postal agent must feel in doing a good business at his office. We certainly regard this proposition as worthy of your careful consideration, and it is hoped that you will not be so inconsiderate of your own interest as to throw this letter aside without giving it such. Should the matter strike you favorably, will you please address or call on us personally—which latter would be preferable—Jerome A. Salisbury, at 32 Weybosset Street, or Gaius W. Hubbard, Jr., at 16 Pine Street, Providence, R. I., before December 1st, 1860, and after January 3rd, 1861, at 65 and 67 Nassau Street, New York City. We await your immediate reply. Salisbury, Hubbard & Co."

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More.—A reader, Mr. J. H. Massey, Bolton, Conn., is kind enough to give us a lift. He writes: "Referring to the editorial in the issue of April 21st, 1917, you will find two more authors who have evidently been bitten by the bug at some time, in the *Saturday Evening Post* for the same date, as follows: In 'Astor Place' by Ferdinand Reyher, this occurs: 'She talked. (Most remarkable thing for a she.) You could hear the ukulele breathe in its native lair, and see the tango untangle itself on the pampas of Argentina, while she danced with the governors of Jamaica, Bermuda, San Salvador and other *colorful postage stamp* and tourist points southeast, etc. In 'The Town Mouse' by Nalbro Bartley, the Mouse gives the following: 'What a handsome lad you must have been—given to wing collars and double breasted bright serges; riding a velocipede and smoking pale deadly weeds; and collecting postage stamps, etc.' As the *Post* has some general circulation, you very likely saw the same yourself."

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Help.—A dealer, just before he passed away from the effects of the shock, ordered his heirs to notify us that he had found the old-fashioned collector who expected to pay full catalogue for the stamps he bought from him.

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By Julian T. Baber.

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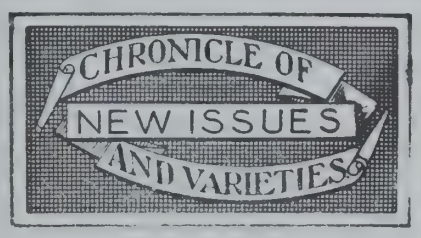
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UNITED STATES.—We note from *Scott's Circular* in regard to the re-issued $2.00 and $5.00 stamps that "New plates have been made from the dies for the 1902 issue. The plates each have 200 subjects, are without imprint, and numbered 8015 for the $2.00 and 8016 for the $5.00. The stamps are printed on unwatermarked paper and perforated 10."

The 7c, 8c and 10c, as well as the 2c postage due, have now appeared on unwatermarked paper with 11 perforation.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The 3c orange, combined postage and war tax stamp, was issued April 16th. The design is the same as that for the lower denominations of the current series.—HARRY E. HUBER.

CHILE.—There has been some uncertainty about the method of printing the new issue of stamps that has been gradually appearing since 1915. It has been stated that the stamps are lithographed, typographed and "locally printed by a new process." The 1c, 2c and 4c stamps certainly appear to be lithographed. Most collectors probably will be puzzled to decide whether the frames of the bi-colored stamps, 10c to 40c, are lithographed or typographed. We recently examined a quantity of the stamps, including sheets and blocks, and think we found sufficient evidence to state that the 5c is printed from a line engraved plate; the stamps in one color are typographed, while the bi-colored ones have the heads engraved and the frames typographed. The evidence in support of these statements will be found on viewing the stamps from the back. The 5c shows many depressed lines where the paper has been forced into the sunken lines of the engraved plate. The low vlaues often show the outline of the stamps raised. This is caused by the cliches being forced into the paper in printing. Such an effect could not be produced in lithography. The bi-colored stamps show evidence of the two styles of printing. The heads of the higher values seem to be the same as those of the 1911-13 issues and usually show signs of wear and retouching, especially in the lines of the background.—*Scott's Circular.*

The current 5c stamp comes in distinct shades of grey-blue and slate-blue, copies of which have been shown us by Herman Focke.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Herman Focke has shown us copies of the 2c olive green and black surcharged "1917."

The ½c and 1c are in use with the 1916 surcharge and the other values are still current with the 1915 surcharge, while the 1 peso orange and black has apparently not been issued to date.

FRANCE.—*Offices in China.*—The 6 cent on 15 centimes French China, with the large surcharge Scott's No. 864c, has just been issued here. Scott's numbers 864f and 864h have not yet appeared here, and as nobody here has ever seen them, except possibly copies bought in France, I don't believe they are out, yet.—THEODORE SIDDALL.

GUATEMALA.—Hermann Focke submits copy of the Commemorative stamp chronicled in the last number of MEKEEL'S.

MALTA.—At last we have the 5s value in the King George series, for a copy of which we are indebted to our Malta correspondent, Mr. Louis Carabott, who states that it was issued on the afternoon of March 21. It is of the same size and design as the 2s value, the colours being similar to that in the King Edward series, except that the green is slightly paler.

1917. March 21. Head of King George V. Surface-printed by Messrs. de la Rue & Co., London. Thick wove paper. Chalk surfaced. Wmk. Mult. Crown CA. Perf. 14.

5s green and red on yellow.

—*Stamp Collecting.*

MEXICO.—The above mentioned also reports receipt of the 1c and 5c values of the present issue, previously chronicled, and the 10c blue perforated 12 instead of the percé en ligne, rouletting formerly in use.

NETHERLANDS.—According to J. N. Morse the following new postal cards have been placed in use, they exist both with and without the divided face, as in the case of the 2½c green on pale green of the 1908 issue.

Postal Cards.

2c yellow brown on white, numeral.
2c green on pale green, Queen.
3c green on pale green, Queen, perforated.
2c yellow brown on white, Divided face.
2c yellow brown on white, Divided face, perf.
3c green on pale green, Divided face.

NORTH BORNEO.—In May, 1916, gospel was given forth that owing to the loss of a shipment of the 2, 4 and 10 cent values, by the sinking of S. S. Persia, a very limited number of the 3, 6 and 12 cent stamps had been locally surcharged 2, 4 and 10 cents respectively, to make good for immediate use. Though originally this was accepted as positive in every particular, the light of later incidents has occasioned some scepticism as to whether a consignment really was on board the S. S. Persia. Furthermore, it is wondered if the term locally surcharged might in actuality possibly be defined to an overprinting made in London.

When sought for opinion, a prominent philatelic philistine, who happens to know something more of this State besides its stamps, expressed doubt as to such type as used for the surcharges having existed in North Borneo. Whether this is so or not a supply of the three surcharged stamps was for some purpose in North Borneo. The several local correspondents to whom we wrote direct were unable to purchase any but the ordinary unsurcharged values. Was the issue, whatever its merits, really placed, even for a few hours, in bona-fide open sale to the public? If so, at which office was it so placed, and why was stock not accessible at all offices? Therein lies the riddle, the conjecture and, we venture to suggest, the condemnation.

Last October the floodtide started to sweep in. On a certain day, whilst we happened to be paying one of our in-

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formal visits to a well-known City dealer, in walked an official straight from North Borneo with a large package, the contents of which were unfolded with an astonishing tale. There stood the surcharges in tens, twenties and thirties, etc., undivided in rows and blocks on large sides of envelopes, all nicely postmarked!!! What puzzled us was that while the wild men of Borneo, in the persons of our correspondents, were unable to obtain these surcharged stamps, here was a tame man of North Borneo proudly exhibiting the coveted goods.

Those were all the used we have seen, but a little time afterwards we had notices of unused lots in varying quantities, the largest approximating 1,000 sets of this extraordinary so-called very limited issue. No wonder the would-be local purchasers found it difficult to acquire. Prices varied—the highest ran out at 5s the set of three. Being ourselves perhaps over-modest, and knowing a little ancient history of this happy land, we have preferred to leave well alone until there is more satisfactory evidence as to the facts of the issue and the numbers printed.

The celebrated "Charity Fairy Tale," bound in imitation gift half calf, with bevelled profiteering edges, issued last year, which brought the North Borneo Company for their lauded gift a profit of near about £150 on the outlay of a few shillings' worth of paper, will be remembered.

Apparently the title-page for this latest "Romance de Surcharges" is not yet inscribed. To whom is it dedicated? Faith, Hope or Charity? The last issue was to Charity. May we assume the present is to Hope?—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

These stamps were chronicled in our issue of February 24.

ROUMANIA.—In addition to the 5 bani relief stamp, described in our previous reference to this country, we now have to chronicle two further values in the same type, four *leu* stamps in a new design and two postage due labels in an entirely new guise. The stamps in the same type as that previously described are:—

10 bani, brown.
50 bani, blue.

For the *leu* values, the central part of the design shows a seated female figure looking to left, with inscription "ROMANIA" at top and "TIMBRU DE AJUTOR" at lower right and tablet of value at lower left. The denominations are:—

1 leu, red.
2 lei, grey-brown.
5 lei, red-brown.
50 lei, yellow-orange.

The new postage dues have the usual inscription, with the denomination in an uncoloured circle almost completely enclosed by the word "ROMANIA", at top, and a curved laurel wreath, the base of which is in the centre of the stamp. The values are:—

5 bani, brown on green.
10 bani, red on green.

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82	1890, 60c black	.60	..
85	1891, 8c carmine rose	.14	..
103	1892-96, 1p lake	1.50	..
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30	1883-86, 10c orange	.10	.01
32	1883-86, 50c violet	.20	.05
33	1892, 15c dark green	.10	.02
35	1892, 1p dark brn. & blk.	.38	.06
38	1899, 30c rose carmine	.60	.14
43	1900, 20c gray	.25	.05
44	1900, 50c red brown	.25	.05
46	1901, 30c deep orange	.20	.07
49	1901, 5c dull blue	.30	.01
56	1902, 50c red orange & blk.	.38	.20
62	1904, 2c yellow brown	.80	..
73	1905-9, 12c lake & black	.35	..
78	1905-9, 1p gold, grn. & gray	2.50	..
92	1910, 30c violet & black	.15	.09
93	1910, 50c olive grn. & black	.25	.17
94	1910, 1p yellow orange & black	.45	..
95	1910, 2p red & black	.75	.50
96	1910, 5p yellow grn. & blk.	1.60	..
97	1910, 10p dark violet & blk.	3.00	2.50
101	1911, 5c dark blue	.03	..
102	1911, 10c gray & black	.05	..
104	1911, 15c violet & black	.08	.02
105	1911, 20c orange red & blk.	.68	.01
107	1911, 30c bistre brn. & blk.	.12	.03
110	1911, 2p vermilion & blk.	..	.40
111	1911, 5p olive grn. & black	..	.90
112	1911, 10p orange yellow & black	..	1.75
121	1912-13, 40c violet & black	.15	..
123	1912-13, 60c light blue & black	.20	..
323	1895, Postage Due 8c red & straw	1.80	..
324	10c red & straw	1.80	..
325	20c red & straw	.25	..
326	40c red & straw	.50	..
327	50c red & straw	.75	..
328	60c red & straw	1.25	..
329	80c red & straw	1.60	..
330	1 peso red & straw	1.60	..
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ECUADOR.

40	1894, 2c yellow brown	..	.03
43	1894, 20c black	..	.07
44	1894, 50c orange	..	.12
51	1895, 20c black	..	.20
52	1895, 50c orange	..	.20
59	1896, 20c orange	..	.06
60	1896, 50c dark blue	..	.10
66	1896, 10c ochre	..	.06
67	1896, 20c red	..	.04
68	1896, 50c violet	..	.06
70	1896-97, 1c on 1c vermilion	..	.12
71	1896-97, 2c on 2c blue	..	.17
100	1897, 5s dark blue	..	1.00
102	1897, 2c yellow brown	..	.12
117	1897, 10c ochre	..	.10
143	1899, 1s ochre & black	..	.08
150	1901, 50c light blue & black	..	.06
156	1904, 1c red & black	..	.05
176	1908, 5c claret & black	..	.10
192	1910, 5c on 20c blue	..	.10
603	1896, 5c blue green	..	.25
604	1896, 10c blue green	..	.17
605	1896, 20c blue green	..	.17
607	1896, 100c blue green	..	.45
721	1894, 2c gray black	..	.04
722	1894, 5c gray black	..	.04
770	1897-98, 1c gray black	..	.17
773	1897-98, 10c gray black	..	.18
774	1897-98, 20c gray black	..	.18
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14	1862-72, 1d green	..	.03
157	1899, 5s orange red	.40	..
164	1902, 22c green	.03	..
301	1874-79, 1c bistre	.01	..
302	1874-79, 5c vermilion	.02	..
303	1874-79, 10c orange	.04	..
304	1874-79, 20c blue	.15	..
331	1897-98, 20c blue	.12	..
332	1897-98, 50c red	.35	..
333	1897-98, 1s brown	.50	..
336	1902, 5c on 10s blue green	.30	..
337	1902, 1c on 20c blue	.05	..
339	1902, 1c on 10s dull violet	.60	..
343	1909, 50c brown	..	.09
474	1896, 50c carmine rose	.12	..
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201a	1c red (inverted surch.)	1.50	..
204	2c on 1c brn. (hard to get)	.30	..
207a	2c on 50c brown (inverted surcharge)	2.50	..

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40	1877-80, 1c brown	.30	..
41	1877-80, 5c green	.14	..
42	1877-80, 10c vermilion	.20	..
43	1877-80, 20c bistre	.40	..
45	1881, 7c blue	.50	..
51	1883, 10c brown	.45	..
54	1883-84, 2c rose	.38	..
58a	1884-88, 1c olive green	.14	..
61	1884-88, 5c slate blue	.60	..
62	1884-88, 7c dark brown	.50	..
63	1884-88, 10c olive brown	.25	..
64	1884-88, 20c red violet	.50	..
65	1884-88, 25c gray violet	.50	..
68	1886-88, 7c orange	.40	..
71	1887-88, 20c bistre brown	.60	..
72	1887-88, 25c vermilion	.60	..
78	1889-90, 10c blue green	.35	..
79	1889-90, 20c orange	.75	..
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186	1910, 5c on 50c rose	.40	..
197	1911, 2c on 7c brown	.60	..
198	5c on 7c brown	.20	..
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BY E. G. CAMPBELL.

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The little emblems ponder o'er,
And ferret out their fairy lore,
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Philately, Philately! when I,—a girl at school—
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Philately—ah yes: your gems appeal to woman's soul,
The artist-trained, the poet-born, within your ranks enrol;
Mid beast and bird of heraldry—
Mid tiny landscape, group, and sea—
Mid leaf and blossom revels she,
And stamp collector's role;
Entrancing goal!

—Stamp Collector.

SOME RECENT STAMPS.

By ROMNEY GIBBONS.

A perusal of the English philatelic press during the last twelve months has brought two points very prominently to my attention. Firstly, the enormous number of new issues, directly or indirectly due to the Great War; and secondly, the almost total absence of criticism or comment which the appearance of these issues evokes.

Time was when the philatelic press was justly proud of its independence, and was wont to wax critical of any issue whose bona fides were in any way suspicious. I can recall the reception which was afforded to such issues as the Schweizer Renecke provisionals of South Africa, the Cretan Revolutionary labels, and the Charity stamps of Roumania, to name only a few cases amongst many others, whose appearance was greeted with a display of healthy criticism.

"Other times, other manners." It is from the dealers that one looks now for the denunciation of speculative issues, while with few exceptions the press hesitates to express an opinion, and instead of being a guidance is more of a stumbling block to the unwary collector.

It is true that in *The London Philatelist*, where, if anywhere, one looks for clear-cut judgment, the words "speculative stamps will be considered on their merits," appear month by month at the head of their New Issue column, but I am very much afraid that this precept is more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

It is surely obvious that the cataloguing of such issues and publication of lengthy articles dealing with them is purely a form of advertisement. A demand is created, and the speculator is enabled to unload his supply at a high premium.

I have before me a little book by Mr. Fred. J. Melville on the "War Stamps of Salonika and Long Island," which rather aptly illustrates the foregoing remarks, but before dealing with this I may perhaps be allowed to make a few comments on one or two other classes of War Stamps.

Remembering the proverb, "Charity covereth a multitude of sins," I shall pass lightly over the numerous Red Cross issues of the Allies. There can indeed be no objection to an unlimited issue of Red Cross stamps, which in fact are bought largely by the general public, and so act as recruiting sergeants to philately.

But limited issues of a couple of thousand or so should be rightly considered as "suspect." The profit accruing to the Red Cross is practically negligible, hardly sufficient, I should think, to pay the printer's bill, whilst the speculators' profits per cent. are enough to take one's breath away, and would not be despised even by shipping companies.

The circumstances connected with the North Borneo Red Cross issue are fortunately unique in the annals of philately and I shall therefore say no more about them.

Another class of War Stamps which seem suspicious are the numerous "War Tax" issues emanating from the West Indies, Canada, etc. Seeing that the use of these stamps is not, I believe, compulsory, and that the tax may be prepaid with ordinary stamps, it may well be asked: What good object do they serve? The overprints themselves appear too often vague and unsatisfactory, as in the example from British Honduras, where presumably the Censor thought any further references to the "War" were inadvisable. In favour of these issues it may be said that they are mostly cheap and easily secured, and so comparatively harmless—a plea that can certainly not be advanced in favour of the "War Stamps of Salonika and Long Island." Mr. Melville, who comes forward as historian of these issues, says in his Introductory that he considers these stamps "speculative" and "unnecessary." Such being the case, I may honestly ask him his reasons for compiling this history, and so assisting the gentry who have speculated in these stamps to unload them on the public at a fabulous profit. This is, I believe, Mr. Melville's first essay as an historian of war issues, and I would ask him why he has selected these particular examples to commence with?

There is in the account of the Long Island issue a wealth of picturesque detail given, but most of it does not seem to me particularly relevant. I have sought in vain for particulars of the civilian population for whom these stamps were required. Who were they? What were they? I have always understood that letters from officers and men on active service were carried free, and I do not think that any local authority would have power to alter this regulation. What was the procedure at Long Island before and after the issue of these stamps? Why were the Turks so very offensive? I would suggest that, having had a brand new Postal Service made for them, they naturally felt rather aggrieved at not being allowed to use it, for I am quite sure that the authorities were at the greatest pains to prevent our enemies trading in such valuable pieces of property, even though their intrinsic worth was only one penny.

There are several illustrations of entires in this volume that deserve a word or two. Several bear anguished appeals to the censor or recipient to "please open carefully with a knife!" On the whole though, used copies appear to be scarce, which is not surprising, seeing that one collection purchased recently by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons was, according to their advertisement, "rich in blocks and entire sheets"—in spite of the small number issued.

In conclusion, I must express my conviction that the collection of labels such as these is straying rather a long way from "Philately." A collection of stamps is illustrative of postal evolution, and so may be looked upon as a more or less valuable adjunct to history, but a collection of Long Island labels is, in my opinion, illustrative only of the simplicity and credulity of mankind.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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In a recent number of the Omaha *Herald*, our Omaha dealer, Frank S. Parmelee, is exploited pictorially in a way to make the judicious smile. The paper is running an illustrated series wherein those prominent cits of Omaha who have hobbies are held up to laughter. The artist shows "Parmelee and his stamps" in unconventional pose; and then comes the joyous verse:

HORRIBLE HOBBIES HEREABOUTS.

Frank Parmelee—Gasoline, Gunpowder and Postage Stamps.

As big as the recent First National Bank
And rolling along like the Britishers' tank,
You'd think that Frank Parmelee ought to enjoy
A bout with a baby rhinoceros boy,
Or maybe a "strafe" with a spherical safe,
Or some other plaything to tickle a waif
Of three hundred pounds—but the fortune he lamps
Is largely expended on old postage stamps!

On old postage stamps he has lavished affection
And boasts a good deal of his monster collection—
Which sounds much the same had he boasted the crops
Of kites he has gathered—or marbles and tops,
For Frank is a kid with a fever to bid
As much for a "watermark" now as he did
When barter was made with the treasures of youth
Instead of the dirty old dollar, forsooth!

But since he has come into manhood's estate
Our hero has wandered, as sad to relate,
Branching out into stunts of a deadlier sort,
Including the automobile as a sport,
And feats that he's done with his old scattergun
Are famous—he's author of many a run
That yet is remembered in trapshooter's camps.
But still Mister Parmelee sticks to his stamps!

AUST. COMLTH. "ONE PENNY."

This article, by Mr. E. D. E. van Weenen in the *Aust. Philatelist*, deals exclusively with the 1d value of the King George type of the Commonwealth series; it is the most exhaustive contribution yet written on this subject, and should be read by all. After alluding to the fact that there has been a certain amount of confusion in the matter, owing to contrary statements in various articles, Mr. van Weenen remarks that the ultra-specialist—*i.e.* the one who studies the minute variations of a stamp, and who can afford to collect both types of the 1d in sheets, will find in them plenty of interest to recoup him for his outlay, especially the "Harrison" stamp, which did not emanate from the Federal Stamp Printing Office. As is now well known, Mr. T. S. Harrison, the Federal Bank-note Printer, cut the dies of the first Commonwealth 1d himself, and to him also was entrusted the work of bringing out the stamps, including printing, gumming and perforating. They were even issued from his office. Mr. Harrison has the reputation of being a first-class engraver—few to rival him in Australia—but beyond the engraving and preparation of the plates, the rest of the work should have been left to Mr. J. B. Cooke, the Federal Stamp Printer, who had both the knowledge and machinery needed for the production of the stamp as it ought to have been issued and not as it was. With this assertion all leading philatelists agree. In fact, the production of the Harrison stamp savoured almost of a scandal. Mr. Harrison printed them on an unwatermarked paper, which was against the regulation, and incurred the needless expense of a new perforating machine, although Mr. Cooke offered to relieve him of this part of the work. Even the gumming of the sheets—done by hand—by means (as we understand) of a large paint brush, was done by Mr. Harrison, or his assistants, sooner than let Mr. Cooke do it. To say the least of it, this action was decidedly childish. The unfortunate part of the affair was that the Postmaster-General knew little or nothing of the proper production of a stamp, and had no sympathy for the much-enduring stamp collector. But, since the introduction of stamps in Australia, we do not know of one Postmaster-General that took any interest in stamp collecting.

Varied have been the opinions on the first "one penny" Commonwealth stamp, but on the whole it has not been a favourable one. From an artistic point of view it certainly leaves much to be desired. While there can be no objection to encouraging local talent, the general opinion of advanced collectors was that the Postmaster-General should have invited the designs from English and American artists also. Had this been done, and provided the Postmaster-General had been of an artistic mind, or left the selection to, say, three philatelic artists, it is likely we would have seen a stamp that would have given an all-round satisfaction. Even after the design had been accepted, the preparation of the steel plates should have been given to one of the noted firms either in England or the United States, where the best steel engravers in the world are to be found. We certainly would have got a much better result. As mentioned, the printing, &c., should also have been left to the Federal Stamp Printing Office, and Mr. Cooke would have used a watermarked paper. To show that there has been cause to grumble, Mr. van Weenen instances the unevenness of the four plates used to print the first supply of stamps therefrom, the design on Plate I not having been impressed sufficiently deep, which made the colour a distinctive paler shade than the others.

There is one point in connexion with the Harrison printings that Mr. van Weenen has not been able to satisfactorily clear up. It is known that the sheets of stamps from the second printing are three-sixteenths of an inch longer and nine-sixteenths of an inch narrower than that of the first printing. The question arises: "Were there two sets of plates made?" Yet this is hardly tenable, as the repetiton of Plate I in the lighter colour would not have occurred. Possibly, but not authenticated officially, there may have been two original dies; or, a further alternative, some chemical change may have set in one of the two sets of copper plates. Mr. Harrison, like the Postmaster-General, had no sympathy for the collector, and would not worry himself if one of the dies or plates was slightly different in measurements from the first one made.

"As regards the re-drawn design (we quote from the *A. P.*) collectors know, no doubt, that to the firm of Perkins, Bacon & Co., London, was given the order to prepare steel plates. Whether the alteration in the design was ordered by the Postal Department out here or whether the firm considered it necessary themselves, I do not know. They, however, only made the plates, which are of solid steel, but hardened by a process for surface-printing, which is their own trade secret. Beyond proofs from the plate, no other printing was done by them, and they were sent, on arrival in Melbourne, direct to the Federal Stamp Printing Office. We can find fault with the re-drawn design also but as it has already received a plethora of condemnation from all classes, it is not worth while to further 'pile on the agony.' Mr. Cooke has done his best with an unsatisfactory job. Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s artist should have made the lines of the emu and kangaroo sharper in the design. as in some of the printings in the deep carmine shade it is difficult to trace their outline."

Where, however—speaking now on behalf of other collectors—the author of these notes is not as one with Mr. Cooke is in the paper he employed. It was of too poor a quality for the production of a good stamp. A better quality and this kept up even throughout, would have enhanced the appearance of the design. By using the papers he did, we got too many varieties—an abomination to the specialist with a slender purse. The writer mentions the word "papers" because we have had several during the various printings. There have also been many shades of colour, but this is to some extent excusable, especially now that good printing inks are difficult to obtain. It is a most difficult thing for a printer to watch the mechanics at every step of their work, but, although we have had the watermark reversed and inverted these accidents have only cropped up occasionally. Mr. Cooke, says the author, is doing his best—in the interest of collectors—to prevent anything outside of the normal going out of his establishment. A useful Reference List of types and varieties is appended to Mr. van Weenen's important contribution.—*Stamp Collectors' Quarterly.*

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By STEVENSON.

My excuse for the present article is that supplies of back numbers of the journal containing my early notes are used up and demand for information on this interesting stamp still continues. Also the information given in previous numbers was somewhat scattered in several numbers and mixed with other notes to some extent. There is little to add at the present time.



Before going to the stamps themselves, it is necessary to have firmly fixed in mind a few absolutely fundamental facts. They are simple but should be memorized by the student.

A first plate, No. 1, was made for this stamp in time to begin issue of imperforates about May 4, 1855 (Luff). This one plate furnished all the imperforates in this value. It also furnished all the perforates until the second plate was made and put into use. The perforates are a little more numerous than the imperforates from this plate.

A second plate, No. 2, was made late in 1857 or early in 1858, the latter being the more probable from the data now available; dated specimens, etc.

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Each of the issued-stamp plates, No. 1 and No. 2, had 200 designs in panels of 100 each. *Not one of these 400 designs is complete.*

Among these 400 designs we find some fixed differences which occur regularly in design after design, and which are characteristic of differing periods in the history of the changing design. These fixed differences are our main study. After definitely identifying them, we can list them in their apparent chronological order and assign type rank to those that seem to require it.

Fortunately for us, the principal differences to be found are clear-cut and definite. Our foundation is readily laid and the work easy, if we have the specimens necessary for study.

Plate No. I.

All specimens from plate No. 1 differ from all specimens from plate No. 2 in one marked particular. In the first, the side ornaments are *always* complete. In plate No. 2, the left side ornaments are *always* incomplete. There are other characteristic differences but this is sufficient for general use. No one can well be mistaken on this point when examining stamps.

Sorting out those stamps that come from plate No. 1, we can thus study them separately to see what they show. Having accumulated a sufficient number of them, we find that (except for the recut ones) we have *three different designs no more and no less.* Every specimen from this plate, No. 1, is of one of these three designs and the differences are pronounced.

One of these designs appears as about one in twenty of all stamps from this plate. Attempts at reconstruction of the part of the plate from which they are printed show that they occur at the bottom row of ten in the left pane of the sheet and apparently from that row only. These I class as Type 1.

Description. The top line, the top ornaments, and the tops of the X ovals are always incomplete. (The top line generally shows very faintly under a good glass.) The bottom of the left shell is *broken off.* The bottom line is present but defective from definite flaws. The bottom of the right shell is present but similarly defective from definite flaws.

Note carefully that these ten designs are absolutely identical. Their common shortage does not come from transfer errors, but definitely and clearly from the design being thus incomplete in the roller relief used in transferring these ten designs to the plate. The design as printed in the stamps is an exact reproduction of that particular roller relief design.

All of the other 190 designs of plate No. 1 are alike in one particular. All are still further short some of the design at the bottom. These further shortages are also not due to faulty transfer work, but reproduce exactly the roller relief designs from which they came to the plate. Among this class of 190 are two distinctly different designs, which come from use of two distinctly different reliefs. I call all these 190 designs Type II, and the two different relief designs in this general type, Type II-A and Type II-B.

Descriptions. Type II. The bottom of each shell and the center part of the bottom line are cut away from the design on the roller relief, the shortages being much alike in the two sub-types.

Type II-A. The outer line of the left shell stops just below the level of the middle of the T of TEN and leaves an ugly notched effect at the left. The top line, top ornaments, and tops of the X ovals are complete.

Type II-B. The outer line of the left shell stops lower down than in II-A, and about on the level of the bottom of the N of TEN. The top line, top ornaments, and tops of the X ovals are incomplete, (somewhat more so than in Type I).

Note carefully that of these 190 designs about one-half are of each subtype of Type II. Each specimen of Type II-A is identical in the typical differences. Each specimen of Type II-B is identical in the typical differences. The old theory that the shortages on this plate could all be accounted for as transfer errors is without foundation in fact and is not held by any competent student to-day. It can be forgotten.

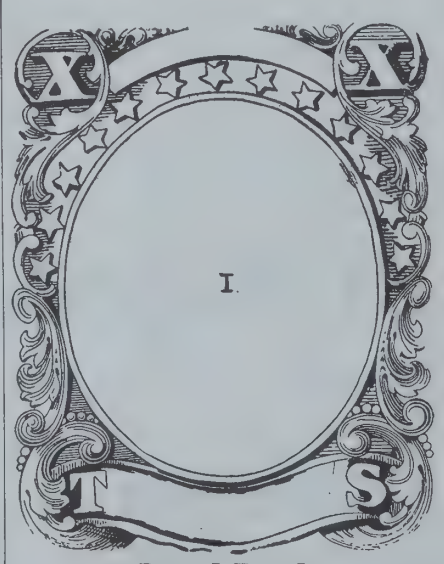


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PLATE I TYPE II-A.

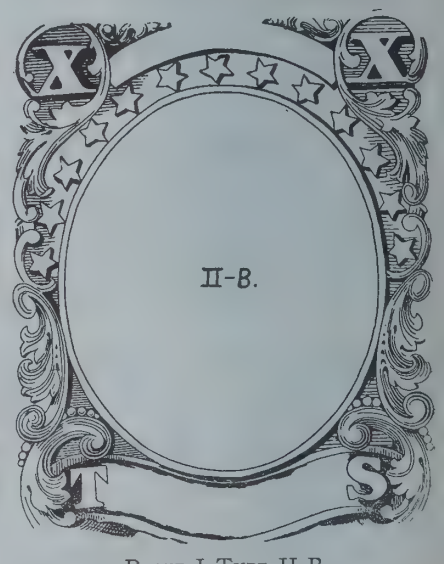


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I place the two Types of this plate in the order given because it seems impossible that they could have been entered in the other order. The ten of Type I must have been entered before the 190 of Type II. In this order we can believe the shortages in Type II are from an effort at removing the damaged effects in Type I. The other order is beyond the bounds of reason.

So far as seen (except in one instance) the sub-types of the Type II normally occur in alternate rows. Study makes it evident that the two reliefs from which they come were present on the roller as a unit and that the two were transferred to the plate at one placing. The position dots in Type II seem to always come at the top left corner of II-A. These two differences are of type rank but are distinctly subordinate to the general Type II, and I so class and designate them. They are not in any sense individual differences pertaining to one design, or to a few of the designs of the plate at irregular locations. They recut regularly for cause stated.

A few double transfers are to be noted, but they are very minor and affect generally the tops only of the letters of U. S. POSTAGE. Distinct doubling of other lines is not apparent.

The marked varieties of this plate are the recuttings. These are not, as in plate No. 1 of the 1c, due to a general overhauling and retouching of plate designs after a period of use in an unrecut condition, but were made to the designs before the plate was put into service. The reason why they recut these few and did not recut others is still a question. They probably tried it on a few to improve the general effect and found that the results would not pay for the work of extending it to all. If this is the fact, they were quite right. The recutting does not improve the designs or the general effects.

To date, I have identified nine of the designs within Tvpe II as recut. Some of the differences are minute and only seen by direct comparison. Five differences are easily followed from description only. These I list as distinct varieties. Collectors will have no trouble with these except to find specimens of them. They, naturally, are quite uncommon, and some are truly rarities among our stamps. Here is the list:

II-A-1. Top line recut. Two different designs.

II-A-2. Bottom line recut. Three different designs.

II-B-1. Top line recut. One only.

II-B-2. Top line and tops of X ovals recut. Two designs.

II-B-3. Top line and bottom line both recut. One only.

In those of Type II-A, the minor differences are readily identified by the position dots alone. In II-B-2, direct comparisons are required to distinguish between the two designs.

It is probable that on the pane that shows the row of Type I at the bottom, the top row, coming also from a single relief, is of one of the sub-types of Type II throughout, making apparently 100 of one sub-type and 90 of the other. In one case seen, in vertical strip, a Type II-A at the top is followed by another Type II-A below it and therefore probably from that part of the plate. Otherwise, the sub-types occur normally in horizontal rows and alternate in vertical rows. The exceptions to this seem to be the recuttings, which, so far as seen, occur in rows of designs that are otherwise of the opposite sub-type; as, a recut of II-A in row with normals of II-B.

Plate No. 2.

This plate was evidently made with a view to perforating the stamps printed from it. The intervals are about as wide each way as was permittted by the size of the plate, and the horizontal intervals are increased by the absences of parts of the designs at the sides.

As was the case with the 1c plates just before this 10c plate, and just following it, and with plate No. 2 of the 5c made about the same time, it is highly probable that a six relief roller was used for plate No. 2 of the 10c. I here mean a roller showing six reliefs as a unit, separated on the roller by intervals such that when the roller was applied to the plate and a complete transfer made of the six reliefs at the one placing, the designs would be at the proper and desired intervals on the plate. It is probable that some of the absences of parts on the plate come from removals of parts from the roller reliefs and we may sometime be able to identify the six different relief designs. It is, however, possible that some of the absences are due to plate erasure, that is, to removal, on the plate, of parts once transferred to it. This would, and probably does, complicate study of the details. Only reconstruction of a large part of this plate, or study of a number of large blocks can settle this question.

All from this plate I call Type III. None can be confused with either of the previous types from the first plate. All are short some of their left ornaments. Most are short similarly at the right side as well. A few show complete side ornaments at right. These few I class as Type III-A. The others I call Type III-B. The difference is more curious than important at present and collectors can well ignore it unless a specimen of III-A is readily located. The difference is not of the class of the sub-types of Type II, until we can say definitely that it identifies a particular roller relief. — *Collectors' Journal.*

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EDITORIAL.

Startling—This is sensational news and such are the thrilling possibilities of it that for the moment we are speechless. Here, indeed, are the bare words uttered by A. M. Dockery, third assistant postmaster general, at Washington, on May 2nd, 1917, under the heading, "Misprinted 2-Cent Stamps," that need no garnishment of exclamatory adjectives to get a hearing: "1. Postmasters and others connected with the postal service are notified that a quantity of 2-cent postage stamps have been inadvertently produced from printing plates of the 5-cent denomination, and some of these stamps were issued to postmasters before the error was detected. 2. The stamps are red but bear the numeral '5' instead of '2.' 3. The misprinted stamps will be found in sheets of 2-cent stamps bearing the number 7942 in the margin. Not all sheets numbered 7942 contain misprinted stamps but some of these sheets have one and the other sheets have two. Postmasters and stamp clerks who discover any of the misprinted 2-cent stamps in stock will withdraw them from sale, and postmasters will send them to the third assistant postmaster general for redemption at 2 cents each, the rate at which they have been issued. The misprinted stamps have all been issued by the department to postmasters since March 6, 1917. 4. Misprinted 2-cent stamps presented at post offices by the public will be redeemed at 2 cents each and sent to the Department."

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Argument—The foregoing is a real error, one open and above-board and as such will take front rank in interest in our stamps. It will transcend in fascination all errors of inverted center, color variations in U. S. envelopes, "sepcimen," etc., because it is so pronounced and let us say wholesome, from the philatelic viewpoint. The acclaim that was given the pseudo error, five cent, 1890, color of the four cent, at the time of its acceptance by many collectors was tame in comparison with that which will greet this error. Our panegyric applies in full force only if it is found that the error is wholly above reproach but at this moment we shall not look with coldly speculative eye upon the origin of this error. We can imagine that the skeptic upon learning that there is but one in some instances and two cliches of the 5-cent in others in the sheets of 7942 would ask sharply how it happened so. We cannot pretend to be able to explain how the transfer roll could have included the one or two examples of the five cent subjects but that there will be some explanation that will be accepted is very likely.

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Found—A collector was showing his album to his neighbor's wife and when she saw the set of Executive set, she said excitedly, pointing to the two cent stamp, "We have a stamp like that on an envelope that we kept with an invitation in it, ever since we left Washington." The collector did not get excited but said that he would like to see the stamp. "All right, I know just where it is," she said; and when she returned she handed the envelope to the collector, saying, "I am not so sure now but I think that is the stamp." It was.

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Sundry—A curious surcharge is shown by Mr. John E. Lord. On the Nicaragua, 1906-08, 10c on 3c violet, the normal surcharge reads: "Vale 10c," with the c reversed, although it comes with the c normal as well but on the variety, the overprint is just turned around: "c01 elaV," with c reversed. A second cover with the "Centennial" Philadelphia postmark, Oct. 17, 12 M., has been sent for inspection by Mr. Laurence B. Mason, Cranford, New Jersey. The thirty cent, current type, U. S., has been issued on unwatermarked paper with perforation 11; evidently, the thirty cent will not be available with 10 perforation. The 3, 9, 11, 12, 15, 20, 50 and $1 also have been distributed unwatermarked, perforated 11.

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5c U. S. IN RED.

Reference is made editorially to a notable error that has just occurred in the Bureau of Engraving. In some manner one or more cliches of the 5c were inserted in the 2c plate 7942, resulting in the 5c stamp appearing in carmine. Our attention was first called to this error by W. P. Colman, who states that the total issue is given at 15,000 but definite information is as yet lacking.

We are also indebted to Herbert W. Mason and Wm. T. Kimball for copies of the official circular sent out from the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General. The department circular is headlined "Misprinted Two Cent Stamp" a rather unique way of calling attention to what is really a misprinted five cent stamp. The circular follows:—

(1) Postmasters and others connected with the postal service are notified that a quantity of 2-cent postage stamps have been inadvertently produced from printing plates of the 5-cent denomination, and some of these stamps were issued to postmasters before the error was detected.

(2) The stamps are red, but bear the numeral "5" instead of "2."

(3) The misprinted stamps will be found in sheets of 2-cent stamps bearing the number 7942 in the margin. Not all sheets numbered 7942 contain misprinted stamps, but some of these sheets have one and other sheets have two. Postmasters and stamp clerks who discover any of the misprinted 2-cent stamps in stock will withdraw them from sale, and postmasters will send them to the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, with a statement of the quantity, for redemption at 2 cents each, the rate at which they have been issued. The misprinted stamps have all been issued by the Department to postmasters since March 6, 1917.

(4) Misprinted 2-cent stamps presented at post offices by the public will be redeemed at 2 cents each and sent to the Department.

The circular is dated May 2 and postmasters have been thoroughly canvassed for a return of the errors. Notwithstanding this, there will without doubt be a considerable number of this interesting error come upon the market. The Department is very obliging in its willingness to redeem at 2c each such copies of the error as may be returned.

Later—One of the 5 cent stamps on sheet 7942 is in the lower right pane stamp 18, that is the 8th stamp in the second row.—WM. T. KIMBALL

A B. P. S. BOYS' NIGHT.

Tuesday evening, May 15, in Room 322 Tremont Building, Boston, C. A. Howes, president of the A. P. S., will deliver a lecture on "Columbus as Shown on our Postage Stamps" illustrated by pictures. In addition there will be an informal auction, a stamp bourse and some other interesting features. The committee on entertainment desires that all our young readers within the Boston district consider this their evening, and the WEEKLY is glad to give the widest possible publicity to this notice. It will be a boys' night with no age limit in either direction.

MANAGING EDITOR IN PROVIDENCE.

Next Tuesday evening, May 15, the managing editor of the WEEKLY will attend the meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society to be held in the Narragansett Hotel, Providence. The meeting will be called for 7.30 in order that Mr. Wylie may return to Boston that evening. He will take for the subject of his talk "Philatelic Oddities" and accompany the same with an exhibit.

A JUST COMPLAINT.

(The following burst of indignation reaches us with a change of advertising copy for this week's paper. Our dealer friend did not ask to have it used in the WEEKLY but we take the liberty of printing it with the hope that it may bear fruit. The remittance referred to was a bum 8c stamp that looked as if it had seen service in a dozen wars. It was sent by an adult who omitted to enclose any postage with the order. With an experience of seven years' dealing we can truly say that we fully sympathize with the complaint voiced in this communication.—ED.)

"May I have a word? I have often thought it would be of benefit to all concerned should the WEEKLY maintain standing in the paper somewhere a short list of instructions to readers who order from ads—such as enclosing postage on small orders, giving full address *each time* they write, and generally to use common sense. It is obviously impossible for us, and doubtless many other dealers also, to conduct a business at a profit when orders are received daily for *one* stamp offered at 2, 3 or 4c, and only 2, 3 or 4c in stamps sent in payment. Readers ought to be brought to realize this.

I am enclosing herewith an order (with enclosure) received yesterday. We get 'em right along. This is evidently from a grown person. If 'twere a kid, one could find excuses, but what on earth does an adult, thinking human being expect we are to do with a postage stamp such as that enclosed? We have filled the order—as we always do under such conditions—and charged ourselves with a complete loss and postage and stationery and time to boot.

I am not asking you to act as an arbitrator in this particular case—it is closed, but your readers should be informed in some way for the benefit of all. Such transactions as this leave a bad taste with the dealer and he is very apt not to do his very best for the customer in the first or future sales."

MR. CASTLE'S AUSTRALIANS.

The late Mr. Castle's gift, just before his lamented passing away, of some valuable Australian stamps will be a lasting memorial to that great philatelist. We sincerely trust that the Committee will see to it that the stamps are not dispersed, but sold as one lot at the forthcoming sale, and that their disposal will be the means of benefiting the Red Cross Society to a very considerable extent. The sale of the "Castle" Collection of Australian Stamps to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., for £10,000, caused a great sensation in 1894, which was reflected eleven years later in the second sale for £5,750. The Royal Society's departed President commenced to form his first collection of Australians in 1872, since when he had mainly devoted himself to the issues of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, Tonga, Samoa, and—what bathos!—Labuan and Borneo. Envelopes, cards, and wrappers, as well as adhesives, were collected with avidity in the early days. The collection sold in 1905 was contained in twenty-one "Oriel" albums, and comprised no less than 366 Sydney Views (25 unused and 341 used), 39 Laureated, and a host of other wonderful items.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST.

The contest that was launched some two months ago is ended and the final standing of the contestants is shown below. The first prize, Waterhouse's "History of U. S. Stamps," is won by Harold Schoen, Forest Hills, N. Y., with ten subscriptions, and H. Boscowitz, N. Y. City, takes second place with a total of nine subscriptions. The latter receives Richards' recent work on "Hawaiian Islands".

We are grateful to all the contestants for the interest manifested and the names of quite a few new subscribers have been added to our list. The final standing is as follows:—

Harold Schoen, Forest Hills, N. Y.,	10
H. Boscowitz, N. Y. City,	9
Chas. Humphrey, Passaic, N. J.,	6
W. G. Birdseye, Roselle, N. J.,	5
Edwin Ortolf, Lakeport, N. H.,	5
R. J. Ralston, Waukon, Ia.,	4
L. H. Clonnen, Hartford, Conn.,	4
Walter McRae, Rocky Mount, N. C.,	4

Three each:—M. D. Place; P. M. Lawrence; Ralph Razette; M. Casper; Graham Loving; C. R. Sutton, Lyman Stockman and Herbert Klein.

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The Managing Editor.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

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Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Address Milton P. Lyons, Jr., 1631 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

United States.—S. T. Danforth submits a copy of the Lincoln postcard of 1911 with the information that it has been re-issued and is again on sale.

British Honduras.—The 3d stamp has been issued in orange "Postage—Revenue", on plain paper, plate No. 2, copy of which has been submitted by J. A. Galbraith.

China.—*(German Offices)*—The German post offices in China closed on the day the German consulates were closed, breaking off all relations between China and Germany. It is quite unlikely that the German post offices will ever reopen, as at the close of the war it is expected that all the foreign offices in China will be closed; and the German authorities evidently do not expect to reopen at the old stand, for they burned their entire stock of stamps on hand in their office here. The used stamps are already rising in price, and disappearing from the market.—Theodore Siddall.

French Cameroons.—A fresh printing of these stamps (surcharged on Middle Congo), has now been made, differing from the first printing by being on chalk-surfaced paper. We have secured sufficient of the values which were missing from our earlier consignment to complete the distribution, except the 4c, which is still unobtainable.—*Whitfield King's List.*

Gilbert & Ellice Islands.—According to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, the 1d is now appearing in a bright scarlet shade, from plate 5.

There are marked differences in the shades of color in the several earlier printings made from plates 1 and 2.

1d red, plate 1 (original).
1d pale rose-carmine, plate 1.
1d red, plate 2.

The 2nd printing from plate 1 in pale rose-carmine appears to be much the scarcer.

Jamaica.—The ½d with the 8-point Roman overprint appeared the middle of April, thus completing the WAR STAMP series. A 240 setting has been used, divided into four panes of 60, as for the 1½d. The no period error, which appeared on the 11th stamp of the first pane for the 1½d has been corrected for the ½d, but shows up on the 45th stamp of the same pane. Pane 2 shows several stamps in the 5th and 6th rows, with type from the previous 6-point Roman setting, which varieties have also been noted for the 1½d and 3d.—Harry E. Huber.

Through courtesy of J. A. Galbraith we have seen specimens of the latest War Stamp, 1½d, overprinted "WAR STAMP" in two lines similar to preceding issue but in heavier type.

Liberia.—We have received a surprise packet from this place in the shape of a very small quantity of the issue of 1880, overprinted with date "1916" and new values, 3c on 6c, 5c on 12c, and 10c on 24c. Only 39 each of the 3c and 10c, and about 100 of the 5c were received, all of which are badly centred. The issue was a small one, and it is very uncertain if we shall receive any more. We have also received a limited number of the 1c on 2c, and 2c on 5c stamps, both ordinary and official, every row of ten stamps showing as many different varieties, some of them having double or inverted surcharges.—*Whitfield King's List.*

Panama.—The color of the current 2c stamps has been changed from carmine and black to scarlet and black as we note from a copy submitted by Hermann Focke.

Salvador.—From copies received from Hermann Focke we note that Salvador has again experienced a shortage of stamps and in order to overcome same, has made use of the Official stamps of the 1915 issue (overprinted 1915 and OFICIAL, diagonally impressed) by obliterating the surcharge "OFICIAL" with a heavy bar in black. These stamps, although containing the inscription "Franqueo Oficial" in the body of the design, are used for ordinary postage: we have seen the 2c and 5c so used, and presume other values exist.

Trinidad & Tobago.—We note from *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* that the 2½d value is now appearing in a deep blue shade as compared with the original printing in ultramarine. The gumming is heavier in appearance and the watermark does not show through at the back of the stamps so transparently. These were apparently first placed on sale on Sept. 30th last.

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a sheet of the ½d OFFICIAL stamp (type III) has been discovered with the overprint double. Our correspondent remarks that as these stamps were only overprinted in small quantities as required, and supplies are generally carefully examined, it is not unlikely that such an error will again accidentally pass unnoticed.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—*War Tax Postage.*—In a later printing from the War Tax plate, made about the end of January, again a mistake occurred with the first sheet run off. This probably happened in a similar manner as with the first sheet in the original first overprinting, by omission of lay-mark for vertical register as between the left and right hand divisions of sixty in the sheet of 120 1d stamps. The error in this instance occurs through the sheet in the second operation having been laid on with the margin inwards to the edge of the plate, with the result that the overprint came on the left side margin and the first five vertical rows, leaving the 6th row without overprint. This is shown to have been afterwards completed by a patched third operation made from the right side of the plate.

In this later overprinting the plate has in certain positions either become clogged with extraneous grit or is showing worse for wear by hard use, and the following varieties *b* to *f* occur, regularly throughout:

a. Error. Overprint on margin, etc.
b. Thin "R" with stop centred between "AR".
c. Solid top "R" with lower bar stroke.
d. "R" with double bar stroke.
e. "TA" joined at top.
f. Straight right side "X".

—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

List of A. P. S. Prizes for Recruiting.

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WM. C. STONE.

Springfield, Mass.

Yesterday I received my 50c unwatermarked perf. 10 and in placing it in my stamp album beside my $1.00 stamp I note that the two do not seem to be the same size. I measured them and find that the $1.00 stamp is wider and shorter than the 50c stamp, which is the same size as the balance of the issue. I then turned over to the perf. 10 $1.00 watermarked and found it of the same size as all the other stamps of the set. I wonder if other collectors have noted this difference in size. It measures 19 m's by 21½ m's and the rest of the set and the $1.00 stamp of the watermarked measure 18½ m's by 22 m's.

Can you offer an explanation for the difference in size in your WEEKLY some time?

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The next regular meeting of the Society will be called to order at 7.45 p. m. on Tuesday, May 15. The applications of Messrs. F. S. Billings and F. G. Floyd will be voted upon. There will be the usual half-hour auction sale after the business meeting.

The entertainment for the evening will consist of a lecture upon the life of Christopher Columbus and will be illustrated with lantern slides made from postage stamps which depict incidents in the life of the great discoverer. This is primarily a lecture written expressly for the entertainment of the young collectors, so that if you have any friends among the boys, try to have them attend.

There will be the usual informal dinner at 6 o'clock.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

BRITISH WATERMARKS.

By LIEUT.-COL. A. S. BATES, D.S.O.

THE HERALDIC EMBLEMS.

"British Isles" states on the above subject, that they are "so disposed that "a rose was in each of the upper cor-"ners, and the shamrock [on the left] "and thistle [on the right] in the two "lower corners of the space to be subse-"quently occupied by a stamp."

Diagram "I", in the same work also shews the full sheet, with the watermark as described in the text.

The latest "Stanley Gibbons" catalogue also illustrates it in the same way.

I have a piece of paper with this watermark, being a complete row of frames with the full margin shewing the words "Postage Stamps" in script type reading up the left, down on the right, and across the sheet underneath the bottom of the frame.

There is no possible doubt but that on this piece of paper the Shamrock is on the *right* and the Thistle on the *left* "in the two lower corners of the space to be subsequently occupied by a stamp."

I have unused specimens as follows, shewing the watermark as I suggest it is:—

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THE LARGE GARTER.

"British Isles," both in the text and in Diagram "H", shews the above watermarks, as having the buckle of the Garter on the right.

I have two pieces of paper, one a complete pane of 60 Garters, and the other (thick glazed) with 30 Garters, both shewing sufficient margin-legend to ensure the sheet being looked at correctly.

In each case the buckle of the Garter is on the *left*.

I suggest that in both these cases the published illustrations are in need of correction.

[We have known for some time that the Heraldic Emblems had been incorrectly described and illustrated; but it is news to us that the Large Garter was also wrong—we thank Lieut.-Col. Bates for pointing out the error.

What about the Small and Medium Garters—are they, too, incorrectly illustrated?

The above mistakes are obviously due to the habit of looking at a watermark from the back of the stamp, which gives (or should give) it in a reversed position?—Ed.]—*British Philatelist.*

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—C. A. Spaythe, Kansas City, Mo., has a collection of dated copies of the U. S. 3c 1851 issue. He now has 320 different dates of that year.—R. L. WARD.

—We have received the 1917 Year Book of the Lynn Philatelic Society. It contains the constitution and by-laws of the society, with a list of its thirty-two members. There is also a calendar for 1917 entertainment, a history of the society and a contributed article by W. C. Emory on "Kamehameha III of Hawaii."

—J. E. Dennett favors us with a copy of the June *People's Magazine,* containing a stamp sketch, "The Lilac Normanna." It has been submitted to Mr. Severn for an editorial diagnosis.

—The Austin (Tex.) Stamp Collectors' Club will hold an auction sale and exhibition at its club room June 3. Local collectors are invited to attend.

—Collectors in and around Malden, Mass., have formed the Malden Philatelic Society and an application has been made to the N. P. S. for a charter as a branch society. Nearby collectors are invited to communicate with the secretary, E. J. Begien, 84 Bowers Av.

—In a newsy letter R. L. Ward asks us whether we have noted the different shades and minor errors in the Honduras 1915-16 issue. We pass this question on to the specialist in the stamps of this country.

—Eustace B. Power of the Stanley Gibbons, Inc., N. Y. City, is a very busy man these days. He is connected with the harbor patrol service and is in the office only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mr. Power believes in doing his part in the country's service even at this early stage of hostilities.

—L. J. Flerlage of Norwood, O., accompanied by Mrs. Flerlage, were recent visitors at our Boston office.

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—The annual convention of the A. P. S. is slated for Alexandria Bay, N. Y., the third week in August.

—A. F. Simionescu informs us that his claim against Glicksberg, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been settled. Robert Crawford, 230 Leon St., Syracuse, N. Y., can get no returns from A. B. Cleveland, Holyoke, Mass., Leroy Watson, Toledo, O. and Wm. Mougar, Batavia, O.

—We have a few illustrations left of the New York 5c 1845 plate shown in the WEEKLY some months ago. The location of each of the fifty stamps is indicated and the means of identification pointed out in explanatory text. We are indebted to E. R. Jacobs for this study and the few remaining copies we have on hand will be sold at 10c each.

—The Syracuse (N. Y.) *Herald* for May 6 contained an editorial "3c Postage Probable." It was written by J. B. Howe, who will be remembered as an ardent philatelist of a few years back. It is evident that he has not yet given up his interest in philately.

—J. J. Prendergast sends us some clippings from ancient numbers of the WEEKLY which he considers worth a second perusal. We are obliged to Mr. Prendergast for his courtesy.

—We commend the enterprise of the Indianapolis Collectors' Club which has recently issued a year book containing the By-laws and membership list of this progressive body. This club, organized so recently as October, 1916, boasts of a membership of 41, all of whom, with a few exceptions, live in Indianapolis. This record is one that shines.

—Up to the time of going to press we have given full credit to those who have sent in information concerning the 5c red error. We mention this as some may feel that we have neglected giving credit where credit is due.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from I. B. Robinson.

—J. R. Nichols, 1707 Nelson Ave., N. Y. City, would like the address of Adam V. Collier, who lives somewhere in or near N. Y. City.

AMERICAN ON HARD PAPER.

The article on American hard paper by Mr. H. L. Wiley in a recent number of the WEEKLY and the comment thereon, and also the later letter and comment upon the same subject are very interesting. So far Mr. Hassler seems to have been the first one to note this paper. I do not think Mr. Wiley claims to have discovered it. And he most certainly is not the first to have written upon the subject since in May, 1916, there was an article on this paper in the *Collectors' Journal* by Mr. Wm. L. Stevenson, in which its characteristics were pretty fully described. Mr. Wiley may not have read this. I do not know. Anyway the point is that he did not discover the paper nor was he the first to write it up. A number of people seem to have discovered stamps with the American imprint on hard paper but Mr. Stevenson was the first to study the paper so that it could be recognized without the imprint, and to give the result of his study to the world.

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By STEVENSON.

Plate No. 2.

This plate was evidently made with a view to perforating the stamps printed from it. The intervals are about as wide each way as was permittted by the size of the plate, and the horizontal intervals are increased by the absences of parts of the designs at the sides.

As was the case with the 1c plates just before this 10c plate, and just following it, and with plate No. 2 of the 5c made about the same time, it is highly probable that a six relief roller was used for plate No. 2 of the 10c. I here mean a roller showing six reliefs as a unit, separated on the roller by intervals such that when the roller was applied to the plate and a complete transfer made of the six reliefs at the one placing, the designs would be at the proper and desired intervals on the plate. It is probable that some of the absences of parts on the plate come from removals of parts from the roller reliefs and we may sometime be able to identify the six different relief designs. It is, however, possible that some of the absences are due to plate erasure, that is, to removal, on the plate, of parts once transferred to it. This would, and probably does, complicate study of the details. Only reconstruction of a large part of this plate, or study of a number of large blocks can settle this question.

All from this plate I call Type III. None can be confused with either of the previous types from the first plate. All are short some of their left ornaments. Most are short similarly at the right side as well. A few show complete side ornaments at right. These few I class as Type III-A. The others I call Type III-B. The difference is more curious than important at present and collectors can well ignore it unless a specimen of III-A is readily located. The difference is not of the class of the sub-types of Type II, until we can say definitely that it identifies a particular roller relief.

Types III-A and III-B.

Few individual differences of importance are found on this plate. The one marked double transfer of the entire value is found as No. 2R47. It is one of the nicest examples in any of our stamps and an especially fine subject for study of double transfers generally.

It is easily picked from among others of Type III by the very apparent extra "blackness" of the lower label. The doubling was not of sufficient displacement to double the label, but it cuts down the faces of the letters of TEN CENTS materially and the label is also wider than normal. This gives the lower part of the design a considerably greater inked area and the effect is marked. The bottom of the right shell is double but here a glass is needed in examining the fine lines. The bottom line is clearly doubled, the extra lines running a little upward to the left and into the lower label. The general doubling can be followed readily well up into the scarf of the picture.

Probably the most important thing for collectors to note in connection with this plate is that imperforate singles of Type III are worthless, so far as seen or noted. These used to be listed in the catalogue as Type II imperforate. No student of the period considers this possible now-a-days.

Here is the situation: Mr. Luff states in his book that the first delivery of perforates was made on February 24, 1857. This is very possibly official and exact. It certainly is not far wrong. This does not mean, however, that all deliveries after that date were of perforated sheets of stamps. This was a new process and the situation was doubtless very similar to that in the revenues of 1862-63. It took some time to organize and to procure sufficient machinery to perforate the entire product as required for issue.

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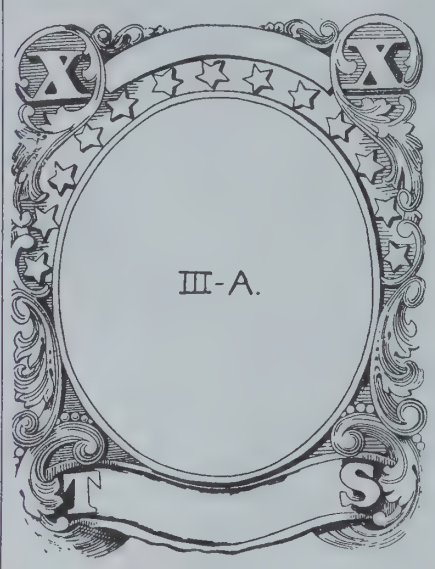


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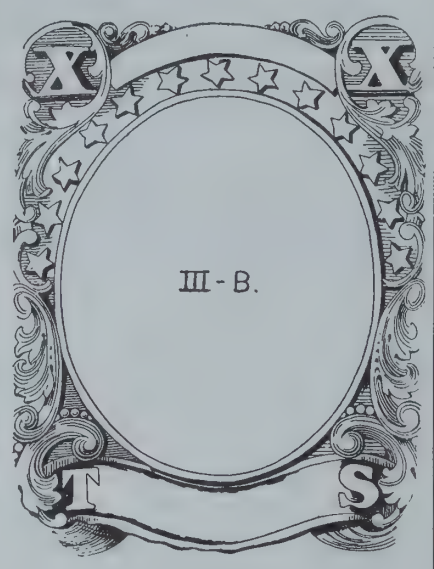


PLATE 2 TYPE III-B.

listing as Type II imperforate. The fakers, naturally, did the work, as is always the case, and many good perforates were thus ruined. They did overlook a few perforate singles with abnormal margins and such are of distinct interest. They are less common than formerly.

A complete solution of all the problems connected with this stamp may never be had. It rests on the location of further data and on continued study of the details.

The first problem that faces us is this: Before they made plate No. 1 they were under contract to produce a certain stamp of the value of 10c. The design was doubtless approved by the department and it was this approved design the contract called for, not simply any old design the contractors wished to furnish. They certainly intended to produce this design. The very first ten plate designs made by them are not of this design, but are incomplete, and incomplete in such manner that no student can doubt that the shortage at the bottom is due to damage of some kind. Parts of the design are definitely *broken away,* not cut or trimmed away. Such damage as is shown could occur only in the roller design in relief. It could not occur in the design as existing in recess in the die. (In the die, the partitions between lines of the design would be broken rather than the lines themselves by such an accident.)

After transferring those ten designs, they were still under contract to produce the complete design. Their solution, as shown by their next efforts, was to further shorten the design by deliberately cutting off the bottoms of the designs from the two reliefs as a unit on a roller for Type II, and high enough upon the design to include just those defective parts. Why did they not return to the die and produce a complete roller design with which to complete the plate. We do not know as yet, but this fact, or these facts, distinctly point to a similarly (not identically) damaged original die. This is not as yet proved and may not be, but the question should be held in mind by all students and a solution attempted. Study the bottoms in plate No. 2, also the designs of the reprint plate, and also all existing die proofs, etc. The answer may be quite apparent if we get the needed data together in one place.

Note that I am satisfied that the reprint plate does not come DIRECT from the original die. This much is clearly proved. I would tell about this evidence here except that few will care to follow it. I will be glad to assist any student toward the answer. Think this over. Is not a mental solution of this problem of more interest and of more philatelic importance than chemical analysis of fly-specks in the 3c or other values?

The other fundamental problem has been suggested. It is the determination as to whether a six-relief roller in use accounts for most, if not all, of the regularly recurring differences of Type III.

Reconstruction of sufficient of plate No. 1 to locate the recuttings may not be possible but should be attempted. It will be less easy to do such work than in the 3c or the 1c on account of the few individual differences found. Position dots, margins, etc., will assist as usual. If any one has any data on this, please do not conceal it.

In general, collectors will find this one of our most interesting stamps. It is also a fine start toward study of other stamps. The prime differences are very clearly defined and readily understood and all the types and sub-types can be located by the average collector except Type I which is, naturally, quite a rarity. It is becoming more so as collectors and dealers wake up to the very simple facts.

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—T. J. Eppes sends us a new advertising cancellation. It comes from Seattle and consists of four lines as follows: — "Ranier — National Park — Opens—June 15".

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from C. M. Breder, Israel Prager, E. F. Walters and Clarendon Bangs.

—Reference was recently made to a British cancellation "F. S.—W. I." in a circle and we asked its meaning. D. D. Berolzheimer writes us as follows concerning this matter: "I do not know the significance of the letters 'F. S.—W. I.' The whole postmark however indicates that the publisher has obtained a permit to send his periodical out of England. Private persons are not permitted to send second class mail nor even newspapers abroad but can order them sent by the publisher."

—J. M. Bartels of New York entertained the members and friends of the New Haven Philatelic Society, May 5, with a very interesting talk and also exhibited his fine collection of Danish West Indies and the Philippine Islands. The New Haven members were recently entertained in Hartford by the Collectors' Club of that city. Several fine collections were shown followed by a fine spread after which speeches were made by members from both clubs. The members from the New Haven Society made the trip by automobile but the Hartford Club does not know that it was 5 A. M. the next morning before New Haven was reached. Bad roads was the cause for the long time out on the return trip.—WILLIAM F. BISHOP.

—As a sample of what can be done in a U. S. "War Stamp", Charles S. Thompson of Los Angeles, Cal., submits a strip of three of the 1c green with overprint WAR STAMP in two lines in carmine. We quote from Mr. Thompson's letter:—

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A mistake was made in the engraving department of the postoffice in Washington. The two-cent stamps are made in sheets of 400 each. Through some slip, three of the plates were made from the five cent dies.

The mistake was discovered some time ago, and postoffices have been notified to return all stamps from plate No. 7942, which is the erroneous one. However, it is thought that some of the rare and valuable stamps may have crept into circulation.

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Error—Our attention was called to the error of the five cent red by a number of friends, to whom we return thanks, even though in this instance we had the earliest possible notification of the existence of the error. None of our readers has conveyed to us the grateful tidings that he has been the Prince Fortunatus who has found one of the errors. Next week, we hope to have particulars of the accident whereby the error was created.

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Soon—We shall make no attempt to analyze the provisions of the tentative war revenue bill in its revenue stamp possibilities. It is enough to know that stamps will be called actively into service in the collecting of the vast tolls imposed by the nation. We may wait until the revenue war taxes have been approved finally before making further observations; and it is certain that the information will be forthcoming in the newspaper press before it appears in this paper.

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Another—Now comes a third example of the special "centennial" postmark used at the great Philadelphia exhibition in 1876. Mr. A. E. Owens, Montclair, New Jersey, has sent for inspection a particularly inviting specimen of the postmark on cover as the stamp on the envelope is the three cent Treasury department and the return imprint is: "United States Commission, Fish and Fisheries," in two lines.

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Fiction—The first returns were received from Henry McConnell, Mackinaw City, Michigan, who wrote: "Have you read the 'Lilac Normanna' in *People's* magazine for June? 'The true stamp collector has neither soul nor conscience where stamps are concerned, and the acquisition of a rare specimen is worth more to him than rubies, or the throne of a far country.' Now lay back your ears and howl, rise up and smite this author and hand him what he deserves. After more than fifty years of stamp collecting, I can say that while I would not call him a liar, I *will* say that he uses the truth with penurious frugality." The story is an unadulterated stamp tale that is the product of a practiced writer, it is to be seen, who, while not possessing that complete understanding of stamps is not without some philatelic sense. There are voids in the brisk recital that the experienced philatelist will notice and an uncertain touch or two betrays that the author, clever as he is, does not live exactly in the philatelic precinct. His name, by the way, is Lyon Mearson. We congratulate him upon regarding philately as the harbor of moving plots.

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Sacred—We have before us a copy of the first postage stamp album ever published which has been loaned us for examination by Mr. F. v. W-Wysow. One does not need to be an antiquarian at heart to find oneself responding to the sentiment exhaled by this venerable book. The first stamp album published by Justin Lallier, of undying philatelic fame, was the one that antedated all other albums. It appeared with the following frontispiece: "Postage-Stamp Album. Illustrated with Maps by Justin Lallier. Paris, Published by A. Lenegre, 35, R. Bonaparte. 1862." On the following page is this Advertisement: "In offering young amateurs an Album expressly intended to contain the Postage-Stamps of their collections, we flatter ourselves that we shall be rendering them an acceptable service. In the necessary division of the numerous states which have adopted this mode of prepaying letters, we have followed the usual geographical order, as at once the most rational and the most convenient for research (EUROPE—ASIA—AFRICA—AMERICA—OCEANICA). The complete list of all the postage stamps in the world not being yet known we have not been able, much as we wished it, to give the compartments made to receive the stamps, the peculiar forms of each. Perhaps we may some day be able to supply this deficiency, and to make other improvements in the Postage-Stamp Album. We say nothing about the price of stamps, as it varies according to the greater or less rarity of the particular specimens which amateurs may require to complete their collections. We have added to the Postage-Stamp Album two maps (one a Planisphere, the other a map of the Germanic-Confederation on account of the great number of small states, principalities, duchies, free towns, etc., composing it). These maps not only facilitate the classification but also embellish the Album which we hope to see favourably received by the Public. Several blank pages, intended to receive any new stamps that may be issued, are added after each of the five parts into which the work is divided. Paris, August, 1862. Justin Lallier." The earliest published work on philately was printed in December, 1861, even though the date is given as 1862 in the imprimatur; this was Alfred Potiquet's "Catalogue des timbres-poste," of forty-three pages and cover. However, in this connection it must be observed that so early as September, 1861, Berger-Levrault had issued his twelve page list of stamps, produced by autographic lithography, but this list was a sort of personal record of the stamps in the compiler's collection.

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Reflections—This first edition of Lallier's Postage Stamp Album was the production of a lithographing company at 15 rue Rousselet, Paris, and was bound in two styles and sold at most reasonable prices. One edition was in French and the other in English and it is to be said that the popularity of the Lallier album in Great Britain was enduring. The style of binding of the album under notice, is full leather with clasp; and there is the embellishment of two maps, and on the "planisphere" there are some interesting appellations; for instance, north of the United States, "New Britain" is found and Alaska is Russian America or Kanaistzes, while the "Frozen Ocean" and New Holland or Australia are to be noticed. In the countries represented in the album are "Owhyhee (Kingdom)" with the subheadings, "Honolulu (Sandwich Islands) (Under the Protectorate of the United States);" Luzon, for Philippine Islands, New Granada for Colombian Republic; and so on. There is so much that is curious in the light of the present in the album, that several columns more would be required for an adequate presentation of the quaintness and charm. Here, we wish to say that the plan of the album is practically that which is in use today. Illustrations of the stamps are about the only improvement lacking in the first stamp album printed, when contrasted with the printed album of the present. The name of the country is followed by that of the ruler in many instances; and then a textual description of the stamps with dates of issue is found while on the opposite leaf are the "compartments" for the stamps with their colors indicated in the squares. We may add that in the table of the number of stamps issued in Europe the total number is 633, including envelopes, of course, and Spain with 64 emissions leads all the rest.

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Here—In this country, the first album published was by D. Appleton & Company. New York City in 1863, a comparatively short time after that of Lallier appeared in Paris. This "Album for Postage and other Stamps, American and Foreign" was a pretentious publication, replete with maps and statistical information; and it certainly reflected creditably upon its publishers.

U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS.

(In the current "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly" Percy C. Bishop makes the following comment on the U. S. purchase of the Danish West Indies. Quite naturally the English press feels that it was a diplomatic move upon the part of our country in acquiring these islands before hostilities were opened with Germany.—ED.)

According to some of the press correspondents, it has been decided to name Uncle Sam's newly acquired possessions, the Virgin Islands, which, of course is their true title and style. But as part of the Virgin group is the property of Great Britain, there is likely to be confusion, unless some distinguishing addition to the name is adopted. A friend suggests to me that the islands be divided into the Wise and Foolish Virgins, and points out that the United States, as one of the world's greatest oil-countries, could with some justice lay claim to the Wise section! This of course is not Philately. What *is* Philately is the fact that a new colony is being added to the great Republic of the West, and that there will probably be a further boom in Danish West Indies stamps.

The purchase of the islands, by the way, was only completed a few days prior to President Wilson's definite declaration of war against Germany. It seems probable that there was a certain amount of speeding-up at the finish, in order that the transaction should rank as one between neutral and neutral. A deal of this character between Denmark and an avowedly belligerent nation would be seized upon by the Germans as a breach of Danish neutrality!

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

CHAPTER X.

The Provisional Issue of January, 1902.

Owing to a revision of the postal rates, which was to come into force on January 1st, 1902, 2 and 8 cents stamps were required, and pending the receipt of regular supplies of these denominations from Denmark, preparations were made in December, 1901, for the production of provisionals for temporary use. The then current 3 and 10 cents were overprinted "2 (8)—CENTS—1902" in three lines in black in some-



what similar type to that used for the provisional 10 cents stamp of 1895. There are quite a number of interesting minor varieties and errors in this issue. The surcharge was set in a form sufficiently large to overprint an entire sheet of 100 stamps at one operation, and the same setting was used in the production of both denominations with the necessary alteration of the numeral of value.

In the first setting the 26th stamp in each sheet of the 2 cents shows a narrower "2" for the value.

In the date for both values the 85th stamp on each sheet shows the ball of the "2" broken off, and several stamps in the upper part of the sheet show the figures "1" and "9" slightly more widely spaced than normal.

Eight stamps in each sheet of both denominations show a straight-footed "2" in the date. The positions on the sheet of these varieties are numbers 13, 16, 18, 58, 66, 71, 84 and 93.

On the 65th stamp the figure "9" of the date appears to be either an inverted "6" or of a different fount. The surcharge is, as we have already stated, normally in black, but at least one sheet was issued with the overprint in green. This was, probably, a proof sheet, but it was undoubtedly placed on sale in the usual manner. The minor varieties found on the stamp with black surcharge may, of course, also be found on the one with overprint in green.

The overprinting first took place in December, 1901, and the printer set up the date as "1901" and printed a few sheets with this date to submit to the postal authorities. As the new 2c rate did not come into force until January 1st, 1902, orders were at once given that the date must be changed to "1902." But as these sheets, overprinted "1901," were on charge in the accounts, they were sold and the stamps used.

In March, 1902, a further lot of the 2 cents stamps were required and a second overprinting took place from a new setting of the type. In this setting there are two types of the numeral "9" in the date — wide and narrow — which are about equally divided. In addition the following occur:—

Figure "2" in "1902" with straight foot. Nos. 6, 33, 47, 58, 74, 94, 95 and 98.
Broken figure "2" in date. No. 81.
Small or broken "N" in "CENTS". No. 88.

At the time this second overprinting took place a few sheets of the 3 cents with the old 14x13½ perforation were found in stock and these were also overprinted and show the same minor varieties of the surcharge.

In addition to the surcharge varieties detailed above the plate flaws described previously may be found, that is a flaw to the left of the Crown on the 3 cents, and a period between the letters "TS" of "CENTS" on the 10 cents.

CHAPTER XI.

The Provisional Issue of May, 1902.

Owing to some delay in the manufacture of the regular 2 and 8 cents stamps and the urgent need for a new stock of these denominations, supplies of these values were made in Copenhagen by surcharging some of the then current 3 and 10 cents stamps of the Danish West Indies. The overprints are on the same plan as those produced locally and have the new value and date in three lines. The type used is larger, however, and in the case of the word "Cents" only the





first letter is a capital. It is probable the surcharges were applied to whole sheets of 100 stamps at a time, but whether the setting consisted entirely of printer's type, as in the case of the local productions, or consisted of electrotypes reproduced from type we cannot say. There appear to be no minor varieties in the surcharge, but the flaw to the left of the crown on the 3 cents and the varieties with period between the letters "TS" of "CENTS" may be looked for.

CHAPTER XII.

Split Provisionals.

The supply of surcharged 2 cents described above was entirely exhausted early in February, 1903, and as the permanent stamps of this value were expected by every mail as a temporary expedient it was officially decreed that the then current 4 cents stamps might be cut in halves diagonally and the pieces used as 2 cents stamps. The official notice authorising these splits and indicating the manner of their use follows:—

"NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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The use of postage stamps thus cut will be disallowed as soon as 2 cent stamps have been received, about which publication will be issued.

GOVERNMENT, St. Croix, 10th Feb. 1903.
P. G. V.

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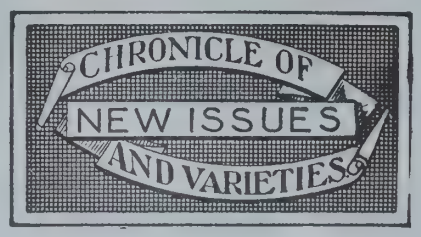
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UNITED STATES.—A. Atlas Leve sends us a curious official envelope. Originally it was a postal savings envelope and it shows the regulation 2c carmine stamp. It was then overprinted "Post Office Department—Washington—Official Business" in three lines, with the regular penalty inscription over the stamp. This was not sufficient so a rubber stamp was applied "Department of Agriculture—Division of Publications—Washington—Official Business" in four lines in red and to cap the climax is the "Confederate" cancellation.

We gave last week the full particulars of the appearance of the current 5c stamp in red and herewith express our thanks to those subscribers who have manifested an interest in our chronicle of the same.

ARABIA.—A new value, ⅛ piastre, deep yellow, has been added to the stamps issued by authority of the King of Hedjaz, official advice, together with specimens, having been received by the *London Philatelist.* The design consists of a central label bearing the Arabic words "Mecca el Mokarrama" (Holy Mecca). Upper inscription, "Barid Hejazi" (Hejas Post); lower inscription, "Thumn Qersh" (eighth of a piastre): The central ornament of the design is based on a fragment of a Qoran design from the tomb of Sultan el Churi, sixteenth century. The Arabesque ornament forming the background of the design is taken from the stone carving on the sides of the entrance arch to the Wakfs Ministry in Cairo. This new denomination was issued February 5. It is *rouletted,* as with the latest arrivals of the ¼, ½ and 1 piastre values.—*Stamp Collecting.*

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—We note from *Le Collectionneur de Timbre-Poste,* that the commemorative issue became obsolete on Dec. 31st, 1916, and that they have received proofs of a new series to replace this set. The corner ornaments of the commemorative issue have again been employed in the succeeding set. The portrait of San Martin replaces that of Laprida and the dates "1816-1916" are replaced by the values expressed in letters, centavos and pesos. The stamps will be lithographed and the following colors and values will be used.

1917 New Series.
½c lilac.
1c orange.
2c red-brown.
3c greenish yellow.
4c claret.
5c vermilion.
10c gray green.

It is to be presumed that higher values will naturally be made use of in this set.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—We extract the following from *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.* "WAR TAX postage, 2nd issue. In the panes of 60 the third stamp of the 2nd row shows the "A" of "WAR" smaller than the other impressions. This occurs regularly throughout.

It appears that the variety existed similarly in the first issue with violet network overprint, but was not so readily noticeable. This demonstrates that the same setting or stereo plate was used for overprinting both issues.

War Tax Postage.
Aug., 1916, 1st issue.
Error. Small "a" in "WaR".
1c green, with violet network.
March, 1917, 2nd issue.
Error. Small "a" in "WaR".
1c yellow green."

CHINA.—The following cards have been issued, according to *Alfred Smith & Sons Monthly Circular.* The same apparently correspond with the issue of 1915.

Post Card.
1 cent, yellow green on cream.
1 + 1 cent, yellow green on cream.

CHINESE TURKESTAN.—The above named journal also reports the Chinese cards, both single and reply, of the 1 and 4c values, with overprint for this territory.

ITALY.—One sheet of four hundred of the 20c Postage Due escaped the perforating machine, says the *Echo,* and was distributed *imperf.* Blocks of four are being sold for 15fr or thereabouts.

A variety has been discovered in the recently superseded 20 on 15c provisional—the numerals "20" having failed to print.—*Stamp Collecting.*

JAMAICA.—J. A. Galbraith submits copies of the ½d and 3d 'War Stamps" with surcharge in two lines in heavy type, these with the 1½d, chronicled in our last issue, complete the set.

JAPAN.—The *Postage Stamp* quotes as follows from a Japanese journal:—

"The actual number of the new postage stamps issued in commemoration of the formal proclamation of the Crown Prince Hirohito as the heir-apparent to the throne of Japan has not been made public by the Department of Communications, but the following figures taken from various sources seem to be fairly accurate: 1½ sen stamps, 3,000,000; 3 sen stamps, 2,000,000; and 10 sen stamps, 50,000.

It will be seen from these figures that there were plenty of the two lower values but only a very limited number of the 10 sen, as already mentioned in our last number. It is now also clear that the number of the latter stamp distributed to various post offices throughout the Empire was very small, as will be seen from the figures given below which, however, must be taken as approximate only:

Tokyo, 5,000; Osaka, Kobe and Yokohama—say, 1,500 each; Kyoto and Nagoya—say, 1,000 each; and smaller cities in proportion. Korea 10,000, of which about 1,500 went to Seoul alone.

Smaller post offices in Tokyo and other cities had to be content with only 5 to 10 copies of this denomination, and they were sold out as soon as the counter was opened to the public, so that collectors who were unable to go to the post offices very early in the morning could not get any 10 sen stamps at all. It was therefore quite natural that the market price of this stamp should go up to ten times its face value on the very day of issue. Since that time the price has been rising steadily, and it is now offered at from Y. 1.50 to 2.00 for unused and Y. 1.00 for used copies."

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.—According to *Stamp Collecting* this protectorate formerly German territory is to have a set of stamps, the current series of East Africa and Uganda to be overprinted G. E. A. All values of the set will be surcharged. *Stamp Collecting* expresses its astonishment at the nature of the surcharge, intimating that G must stand for German, "an extraordinary moral concession that must surprise the whole world."

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(The compliment paid us by John N. Luff in the following clipping from Scott's "Circular" is greatly appreciated. It gives our publication credit where apparently it is deserved and our handbook on the stamps of Oaxaca should be in the library of every stamp collector. This additional word by Mr. Luff can be easily added to our handsomely illustrated booklet which is sold for the small sum of ten cents.—Ed.)

I am the owner of one of the most complete and extensive collections existing of the stamps of Oaxaca. It includes about sixty entire sheets. The collection was started with the idea that it presented an unworked field for study. About the time I was ready to publish the result of my studies Mr. Enfield's articles appeared in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS and left very little to be said. There is, however, one thing connected with these stamps about which practically nothing has been said and which is of sufficient interest to merit some further discussion. I refer to the perforation, Mr. Enfield says, "The perforation is 12 until near the last of the early impressions when the twelve machine was broken and a ten machine was put in use for a short time." I cannot quite agree with this conclusion for I find the 12 perforation from the earliest to the latest printings and I very seldom find the ten or any other gauge alone but usually in combination with the twelve, showing the latter was not replaced by other gauges but supplemented by them. The explanation is very simple. The makers of the stamps used a single-line machine, perforating 12 and usually showing one to three missing pins near one end of the row. To help out with the work they did some of the perforating with a sewing machine, usually equipped with a broken pointed needle. The sewing machine perf. was usually applied to the horizontal rows, seldom to the vertical and still more rarely in both directions on the same sheet. The machine was generally adjusted to perforate 10 or 11 holes in two centimetres but gauges are found ranging from 8½ to 14. Sometimes two or more gauges are found on a sheet and I have one freak sheet in which several stamps in a vertical row show a different gauge for each stamp 10, 13, 12½, 12, 11 in one row and 11, 13, 14, 12 in the next, the rest of the sheet being perforated 10 by 11. Very often three sheets were perforated at the same time. I have sheets in which the horizontal perforation breaks at the middle of the sheet, showing the two halves to have been perforated by different operations. I even have sheets on which defective work of the single-line machine has been made good by the use of the sewing machine along the side of a single stamp. Needless to say a row occasionally escapes any perforation but this occurs much less often than might be expected with such primitive methods in use.

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NOTES ON WINE STAMPS.

By CHAS. S. THOMPSON.

All the 1914 issue of Wines & Cordials, with the exception of a few 20c and 24c values, have been sold, and the new issue is being used exclusively. Of the first issue, the 1½c seems to be impossible to obtain, and should be a very good stamp in used condition. The 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, and 24c are exceedingly scarce, most of the vintners and retailers having made use of large blocks of the 1c value, in connection with tens, twenties, forties, and the $2 value, to pay their taxes.

The $2 having been issued without gum, and imperforate, most used copies are in deplorable condition, as the revenue officers make no attempt to cut them from the sheet—they just tear them!

The ½c value on revenue paper doesn't circulate very much; in fact, most values used here were on postage paper. The range in tint is extremely noticeable. In fact, there must have been at least three different printings made before the stamps were in use for two months. The first tint was the sickly, faded apple-green that is familiar to revenue collectors. The second was a much deeper, more decided green, while the third, which I have seen in the 1c and 6c values only, on revenue paper, is a smutty tint which defies accurate nomenclature.

Somewhere on one of the plates of the 8c value is a cliché with a deep scar on it, which breaks the left ornament in the upper corner. I have seen several copies of this oddity.

On account of the rough way that casks, hogsheads, and other tanglefoot tanks are handled, most copies of wine stamps get into a collector's hands in sadly scarified and mutilated condition. When uncut, not torn, nor otherwise maimed, they are generally badly stained with lees of wine. As this contains tartaric acid, it is not particularly good for the color of stamps already poorly printed. To remove as much of the accumulated filth as possible, wine stamps should be soaked in hot water, to which has been added a little castile or other mild soap. They should then be thoroughly rinsed, after which soaking in very hot 95% alcohol will make them as clean as they will ever be.

The $2 on revenue paper is evidently very scarce, particularly in the used condition. The revenue office in Los Angeles had none of this value, except on postage paper.

There are some odd values in the 1916 series, which comes entirely without gum. The 7½c value does not seem to be popular with vintners, and likely will be scarce used. The 4c is being used in large numbers. The preferred way of using pairs seems to be to take them vertically; very few pairs have been seen of the horizontal variety. The roulette of the new issue is widely spaced, and the paper is tough, so that the stamps do not separate easily. This results in much profanity, and many torn stamps. Another custom just coming into vogue is the tacking of pieces of screen wire over the stamps, after which the wire is pounded into the philatelic specimen, making a paper waffle of it.

Two large blocks of the 4c value which came into my hands recently, contained 25 and 50 copies, respectively. The first was one-half, the second an entire sheet. The plate contains 100 impressions, with guide-lines between the fifth and sixth rows, both vertical and horizontal, but the sheets are cut only along the horizontal guide. Along the vertical guide they are rouletted, but someone is likely to find that this row of roulettes will be missed occasionally making a row of part-perfs vertically.

The 12c denomination is printed in an entirely different green from that of the other values. It is much lighter and brighter, and extremely noticeable. The $1.44 value is being used on cases of sparkling wines only, and is likely to be scarce. All high values are practically impossible to obtain.

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THIRD WAR FUND SALE.

By Fred. J. Melville.

For the last of the special auction sales arranged by the National Philatelic War Fund an excellent attendance of collectors and dealers was present in Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, April 16.

The doyen of the philatelic auctioneers, Walter Bull, started the sale. In a few preliminary remarks he alluded to the great loss the philatelic world sustained by the death of M. P. Castle, president of the Fund. He also referred to the absence, through illness of L. L. R. Hausburg, the chief secretary of the Fund.

In all 1,600 separate gifts have been donated to the Fund since its inauguration, inclusive of stamps, philatelic literature and cash.

The sale on April 16 comprised about 400 lots, which realised the splendid sum of £1,180, bringing the total achieved by the Fund to approximately £6,500.

Among the lots offered was one non-philatelic item, which has, however, a claim to the interest of the collector. It was a Kandjar, a peculiar type of Indian dagger, with a short broad blade which opens, scissors-wise, when thrust into the body. It is the Kandjar that figures on the stamps of the Indian Feudatory State of Alwar. This sold for £5.5s.

The last lot was the ivory hammer used by all the auctioneers, who took part in the sale, namely, Walter Bull, W. Hadlow, D. Glendining and E. G. Harmer. The hammer was acquired by Mr. Harmer for £5.5s.

There were a few lots of philatelic literature included in the sale, but it is difficult to understand for what purpose some of the lots were included. A few recent and loose numbers of the *Postage Stamp* ("1914-15 incomplete") were offered as one priceless lot, and sold for 5s! Three unbound volumes of *Gibbons' Stamp Weekly* fetched 2s, and the lot described as "three stamp catalogues" fetched as many shillings as there were catalogues! But it was scarcely worth taking up the time selling lots of this kind; the whole of the philatelic literature realised a total only of £7.5s.

THE PARIS COMMUNE POSTS.

By G. A. Higlett.

There is probably no single year in the philatelic history of any country possessing such great general interest as the year 1871 in connexion with the stamps of France.

The opening of the year witnessed the horrors of the siege of Paris, with its great population being slowly starved by the rigorous blockade of the investing German army to compel its surrender. The postal services were still being carried on in the capital, the "Siege of Paris" stamps were being produced and issued, and the balloon post and return pigeon post were working. Outside the capital the post offices in the parts of France under German control were being worked by the invaders to their own advantage, and the so-called Alsace-Lorraine stamps were in use; while, in the other parts of France under French control, the lithographed stamps produced at Bordeaux were being used.

Towards the end of January came the armistice and the surrender of the starved-out capital, followed for a short time in February by the remarkable dual control of the postal services in those parts of France still in German possession, with postage rates payable to both the Germans and the French.

Then, in March, came the fearful outbreak of the Commune in Paris, with its rule of the city posts and its printings and issues of stamps.

Following the German evacuation, there came a most interesting period, especially in the use of provisional postmarks, &c., while things were being generally straightened out after the war, and before the losses of material were made good again. One finds even a small use of German stamps officially authorized, use of the Alsace-Lorraine stamps in combination with French stamps, &c.

Then came the preparation of new values with the head of Liberty, but, while these were being got ready, we have the feature of the Republic printing and issuing stamps of the old Empire type, both laureated and non-laureated.

On September 1, the increase of rates led to the exhaustion of stocks of certain values, and the provisional use of bisected stamps was permitted. Altogether, the whole year teems with philatelic interest, and the stamps of France for 1871 present a great field for collection and study, unequalled for both variety and interest by those of any other year of any other country.

One of the most interesting and least generally known portions of this period is that pertaining to the working of the postal services of Paris by the Commune Government from the end of March till towards the end of May. Anyone taking the ordinary catalogues as a guide to collecting will find no mention therein of this subject, and a short sketch of just a few of its numerous features may be of interest and help to attract attention to this period of French philatelic history, which appears to be so little known outside of France.

On March 18, 1871, there broke out the great rebellion of the Commune against the newly established Republican Government. The capital passed into the hands of the Communists, and the regular Government took up its headquarters at Versailles. The Communal Government proceeded to take charge of the postal services, and on March 30, the Director-General of Posts stole away to Versailles, taking with him all he could of the materials, plates, stamps, and postal staff, and the newly appointed Communist Director-General took possession.

At first the Commune had no stamps, and letters received merely a "postage paid" mark. Steps were taken to produce stamps of a new design, when a large stock of 10 centimes laureated stamps was discovered, which was issued at once for use. Then plates were discovered of the old Republican issues of 1849-1852, and with great difficulty a supply of paper was procured and smuggled into Paris, and printings were made. There is a Commune printing of the 20 centimes stamp which may be distinguished at once by its different paper.



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The Commune postal authorities were able to carry on the postal services within the city but, directly their postmen or vans ventured outside they were seized by the regular Government as rebels as there was war to the knife between the two parties. The Commune issued proclamations denouncing the Versailles Government for imprisoning their postmen and impounding the mails.

This state of things could not continue long as the large population of the capital was thus cut off from communication with the outside world. To meet the needs of the case, there sprang up a number of private letter-carrying agencies, for taking correspondence into and out of Paris, which were officially recognized by decrees of the Commune and were informally permitted by the Versailles Government. At first, these private agencies made heavy charges, but competitors came into existence, and soon there were about a dozen of them, and their charges fell to a uniform rate of:

5 centimes for printed matter;
10 centimes for ordinary letters;
50 centimes for registered packets.

These were the agency fees payable, in addition to ordinary postage.

One of these agencies was formed by M. Lorin, who, as a railway employee, had to go twice daily between his home at St. Denis and the city, and M. Arthur Maury, the well known postage stamp dealer of Paris. A sketch of the work of their agency will give a good idea of how the posts of Paris were being worked in this thrilling time.

M. Maury introduced a series of stamps or labels for use on letters passing through his agency but because of the great difficulty of getting them engraved and printed it was not until the beginning of May that they came into use.

For outward letters from Paris to the provinces or abroad there were three labels—5c green, 10c violet, and 50c rose. The upper part of the label, bearing the amount of the agency fee, was gummed and separated from the lower part by rouletting. Letters left at the Paris agency bore the ordinary postage stamps and this gummed part of the label was added, denoting payment of the agency fee. M. Lorin took the letters out to St. Denis and posted them there, whence they went on to their destinations.

Letters coming to Paris from the provinces or abroad appear to have been dealt with in two ways. If it was desired that the letter be delivered free to the receiver, the sender had to enclose it in another envelope, addressed to St. Denis, along with two stamps of France of 10 centimes each, or their equivalent in current foreign stamps. M. Lorin brought the letters in to Paris. The agency office fixed the necessary postage stamps and they were then posted at the Branch Office C, in the Ninth Arrondissement, where they received the obliterating postmark "C.IX". They were then duly delivered by the Communal postmen.

But it would appear that most letters were merely addressed to M. Lorin at St. Denis, with the subsidiary address of the receiver in Paris added below. Then the agency put on the postage and agency stamps and dealt with them in the same way, and the 20 centimes was collected as a tax from the receiver.

These agency labels for inward letters were of different design from those for outward use, but printed in the same colours, and affixed in their entirety to the envelope.

The cover in my possession, possesses certain features of special interest. It is dated at Amsterdam on May 23, 1871, when desperate fighting was taking place in the streets of Paris, and on which day the Versailles Government regained possession of the chief Post Office. It is known that the Lorin agency worked on May 24, which was almost certainly, the last day of its operations, so it may be assumed that this letter was one of those that entered Paris on the last day on which this service was used, if it was not actually the last day on which any of the Commune post offices were working, as the Government troops were gradually getting possession of the city, and the Commune only remained in possession of parts, while terrible slaughter was taking place wherever the two parties were in touch with one another. The obliteration is "C.IX." on this fine relic of a most interesting historical period.

This one example should be enough to show the great interest attaching to the study of the working of the posts of the Paris Commune. Seeing that these agencies worked with official permission, and carried out postal functions which the regular Government was quite unable to perform, the status of these agency labels alone is better than that of many others which are included in stamp collections; while the combination of stamps on an entire makes it rank high both for philatelic value and general interest, and the whole piece presents a mute, but eloquent appeal for the collection and preservation of stamps on entires in all cases where any particular interest attaches thereto.

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HARD AND SOFT PAPERS.

By L. C. HASSLER.

The American Bank Note Company used the plates of both its predecessors. It is doubtful, therefore, if the quality of paper used in printing the stamps of 1873-81 will always determine if they are the product of the Continental Bank Note Company or of the American Bank Note Company, even though the imprint is on the stamp, because we find the Continental Bank Note Company's imprint on stamps printed on soft paper and the American Bank Note Company's imprint on stamps printed on hard paper, news of which was printed in the editorial column of the WEEKLY in the issue of February 21st, 1914.

Mr. Luff in his article on "The Postage Stamps of the United States" (*A. J. of Ph.*) says:

"A few months before the consolidation with the American Bank Note Company the Continental Bank Note Company began to use a thick, soft, porous paper very similar to if not the same as that used after the consolidation."

Since the Continental Bank Note Company began to use a thick, soft, porous paper, very similar to if not the same as that which was used before it was merged into the American Bank Note Company, only a few months before the merger February 4th, 1879 (and, so far as I am able to learn, the 7c, 12c and 24c stamps had long been retired before the consolidation) it is amazing that—with so many collectors specializing in, and experts studying the stamps of the United States—after these stamps were supposed to have been retired almost forty years ago, a 7c (Stanton) should be discovered at this late day printed from a Continental Bank Note Company's plate on thick, soft, porous paper.

The discovery mentioned above, therefore, leaves the matter in an unsettled condition. We must bear in mind that, even though the Continental Bank Note Company's imprint is found on a stamp printed on thick, soft, porous paper, it is not conclusive evidence that it is the product of that Company, because, as previously stated, the American Bank Note Company used the plates of both its predecessors. However, this is additional, although not conclusive, evidence to verify Mr. Luff's statement that the Continental Bank Note Company used thick, soft, porous paper and such must be accepted as a fact until evidence can be produced that the American Bank Note Company printed some 7c stamps on thick, soft, porous paper. Because this company used the plates of its predecessor this is possible but hardly probable. However, not until someone will find a 7c (Stanton) printed on thick, soft, porous paper, postmarked prior to Feb. 4th, 1879, will it be possible to definitely state that it is the product of the Continental Bank Note Company. That evidence will solve the problem.

Quite a few collectors have become prominent specialists within the last two decades and want to add for the benefit of the many philatelists who have joined our ranks during the past twenty years that the different stamps printed from the plates of the National, Continental and American Bank Note Companies were not listed separately until 1896, thirteen years after the first contract with the Continental. Scott's catalogue of that year was the first to list and price the various printings. The 10c brown (Jefferson) supposed to have been printed by the American Bank Note Company on soft paper from a National plate, was discontinued after having been listed for five years—until 1901. This stamp is not rare—see if the copy in your collection is on hard paper.

The last chapter on the stamps of the United States has not been written, and, no doubt, many more will follow if the true philatelist can get the material from which he can make his researches. There are golden opportunities offered the observing collector who will apply himself, living near the prominent philatelic centers where he can examine the stamps which are offered for sale at auction and who can "browse" around the stamp shops in the large cities.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—In the auction sale at which the Knoll collection was sold by W. F. Gregory some interesting prices were realized. We quote a few herewith:—

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—F. E. Farnham, well known as a Chicago philatelist, has joined the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois; and as a consequence, correspondents should make allowance for any delay in postal procedure. Mr. Farnham served two years in the United States Marine Corps over twenty years ago.

—We have been shown by Mr. E. C. Dodd a letter addressed to Liverpool that was carried on the Laconia. The Laconia was sunk and the letter rescued, with others, and forwarded to its destination. On the envelopes is the marking: "Damaged by Sea Water" and the label, "Found Open (or Torn) and Officially Secured."

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By HUGO GRIEBERT.

(This interesting article by Mr. Griebert is taken from "Philatelic Notes and Offers" published by Mr. Griebert. While many of our readers are subscribers to his new issue service and therefore receive his house organ, we nevertheless feel that we have a sufficient number of subscribers who will be interested in reading the article.—Ed.)

In the vast field of philatelic studies one of the most pleasant pastimes for the collector is the discovery of errors in the printing of stamps. Such errors may consist of abnormal varieties of perforation, surcharges and overprints doubly impressed or inverted, inverted centres, stamps showing a double impression, and numberless other varieties. Errors of colour form one category which consists either of stamps having been inadvertently printed in the wrong colour, or of a cliché or transfer from a stamp of another value having been wrongly inserted during the production of a plate. The latter class, which is the one chosen as the subject of this article, is the most interesting, as only one specimen of such an error is to be found in the original sheets, while of the former one or several entire sheets were printed, which makes their rarity less important.

Taking the many thousands of varieties that have been produced by electrotype or lithography into consideration, it is very astonishing to find that the number of errors caused by the wrong insertion of an electrotype or cliché or lithographic transfer is not great. The following list of such errors, if not quite complete, contains the principal varieties, all of which, with very few exceptions, are of the greatest rarity at the present date:

1. *Colombian Republic,* 1860. 5c blue, a lithographic transfer wrongly inserted in the sheet of 20c.
2. *Colombian Republic,* 1863. 50c red, lithographic transfers wrongly inserted in the sheet of 20c.
3. *France,* 1872. 15c bistre on rose, a cliché of 15c in the sheet of 10c (one in 150 stamps).
4. *Peru,* 1858. ½ peso rose-red, of which several transfers were mixed up with those of 1 peseta.

5-6. *Cape of Good Hope,* 1861. 1d blue and 4d vermilion.

7. *Turkey,* 1876. 25 piastres rose and pale blue in the sheet of 5 piastres. The original sheet contained 150 stamps, and the wrong cliché of 25 piastres was removed from the plate as soon as the mistake was discovered.
8. *Turkey,* 1881. 1 piastre, cliché of Eastern Roumelia inserted in the plate of 1 piastre Turkey. It is said that only 10 sheets were printed when the error was discovered.
9. *Eastern Roumelia,* 1881. 10 paras black and rose, inserted in plate of the 20 paras.
10. *Roumania,* 1876. 5 bani blue, in sheet of 10 bani blue.
11. *Roumania,* 1879. 5 bani rose-red, in sheet of 10 bani rose-red.
12. *Roumania,* 1893. 25 bani blue, in sheet of 5 bani blue.
13. *Rio de Oro,* 1907. 4 pesetas blue-green in sheet of 3 pesetas.
14. *Antioquia,* 1902. 3c blue, in sheet of 2c blue.
15. *Iceland,* 1902. 20 aur blue. The cliché of an official stamp with inscription "PJONUSTA" inserted in the plate of postage stamps.
16. *Cape Verd.* Crown type, 40 reis, a cliché of Mozambique inserted in the plate of Cape Verd.
17. *Egypt,* 1866. 5 piastres, the overprint of 10 piastres mixed in error with the overprints of 5 piastres.
18. *Spain,* 1855. 2 reales blue, a cliché of 2 reales inserted in the plate of 1 real.

It need hardly be pointed out that the last-named error of Spain, the 2 reales blue, ranks in importance as regards its classical rarity with those of Nos. 1 to 11. Many readers will wonder why the extremely rare error of 1851, 2 reales blue, was omitted in my list, as cataloguers state that a cliché of the 2 reales of 1851 was inserted by mistake in the plate of 6 reales. Others go further and claim that the error was removed from the plate of 6 reales after a few sheets only had been printed. All these statements are extremely mysterious, but there is no doubt that this error is of the very greatest rarity, in fact it is so rare that one may reasonably doubt its existence. A well-known Paris collector possesses this error in a *used* condition *se-tenant* with the ordinary 6 reales stamp; *all others,* used or unused, that have appeared from time to time were proved to be excellent forgeries. Quite recently I had a strip of these stamps, used on part of original cover, submitted to me. It showed the error in a strip with two of the 6 reales stamp, and was described as having been discovered "in the archives of an old lawyer." I found, however, that although "the part of the original cover" may have been about 65 years of age, the stamps themselves were not more than 20 years old, all three being very fine forgeries.

The error of 2 reales blue of 1855 is well known and much sought after by advanced collectors. I have had some eight copies passing through my hands during the last ten years, some in single specimens, other in pairs *se-tenant* with the 1 real, and one block of eighteen stamps containing one of the errors. The exact place on the original sheet is unknown so far, but I am told that it existed in the lower part of the sheet of 100 stamps. This, like every other stamp of great rarity, has often been forged by chemically changing the ordinary 2 reales violet into blue or greenish blue. Although this mode of procedure has been adopted with more or less success, it has been overlooked that all stamps printed from the clichés of the plates from 1855 to 1858 are found with defective lettering or other minor flaws. The error of 2 reales blue contained, *among others,* one important flaw, without which the genuine error does *not* exist. The white circle in the lower right hand corner is connected with the white frame line below by a thin white line, which may be plainly seen in the enlarged illustration. All the errors that have come under my notice always showed this flaw, while all chemical changelings were without it. Even if forgers were to insert this flaw now, there still remain others in the same stamp to make the forging of this rare variety an impossibility.

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EDITORIAL.

Latest—Here is the latest official word on the great American error, issued from Washington under date of the 15th instant: "Order No. 332. All of the 2 cent postage stamps misprinted '5' that are returned to the Department by postmasters for redemption under instructions of the Third Assistant Postmaster General dated May 2, 1917, shall be recorded and destroyed." We do not think that there will be enough of the stamps returned to make a roaring bonfire; leastwise, we know that all the errors have not been returned, as some have stuck to collectors' fingers. If there were 15,000 impressions from Plate 7942 and three errors to a sheet (of four hundred stamps) there was a production of 45,000 errors. Some of these errors were returned to meet the destruction ordained by the foregoing order; others were sold to the public and used, we infer, in the regular course of postal business, and others reached the hands of collectors. It would be interesting to know how many of the errors were turned in for redemption, as we cannot imagine that the dear public would bother to return the errors. In fact, many a user of the stamp would not notice that it was an error.

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Fascinating—We have seen the errors and they are a sight for philatelic eyes. Several of our readers have been fortunate enough to ferret out a number of the mysterious stamps. When the news of the *contretemps* became circulated generally to collectors by the WEEKLY there was a hunt organized of a magnitude never before known and some of the Nimrods bagged their game. Yet one reader who saw the stamp emulated the farmer at the zoo who surveyed the placid hippo (or rhino or giraffe) "the blood-sweating behemoth of Holy Writ" and said: "There ain't no sich animile." Here we come to a chapter in the story of the errors that taxes the wits of the philatelist to understand. As yet everything in this connection must be speculative to the outsider but it is the prerogative of the philatelist to have his theories and they must be tall ones to account for the existence of these errors in the sheets of the two cent stamps of plate 7942.

How?—It taxes all ingenuity to account even for the errors and it is beyond all reasonable explanation to surmise how they came into being. How the five cent impression got into the transfer roll and why the impression of the roll with the two cent and five cent subjects was not repeated regularly make the philatelist marvel. However, we are confident that the mystery will be explained very soon and we shall forego further theorizing at this time. In reviewing the case mentally there is an unending train of circumstances and all sorts of contingencies are enveloped in the case. The possibility that the authorities will take steps to eradicate traces of the *faux pas* by further steps which need not be recounted here has been canvassed in not a few minds. Here, it is to be said that all postmasters did not receive instructions to return the misprints and consequently, some of the plate 7942 printings are in stock here and there; and if a postal inspector does not come along to inventory and remove the error sheets, the assumption is that the certain sheets will reach the public. It is noticed that all sheets, 7942, have the marginal initials of "J. H. K."

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Aside—Already some of the errors have changed hands at prices that we do not submit for fear that a wrong idea of actual value, seasoned by time, may be spread. We have heard that a dealer in Boston found a ready market for a few of the errors at prices certainly not immoderate. A caller came with sheets of 100 of the plate 7942 but they were the lower left pane and included no errors. An office upon learning of the error supposed that *all* the stamps in the sheet were fives—and so the stamps melted away. It is strange that the newspapers did not scent the "story" carried by the misprinted stamps; we told it to one editor and if he was not impressed, it was his own fault. Perhaps we magnify the general importance of the episode but anyway we philatelists are "agog with excitement," as the snappy writer would put it.

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Clipped—After concerning ourselves with the living present we shall revert to the calmer days of years gone by. In an old stamp album, we found the following clipping: "History of the Postage Stamps. Mr. H. A. Kelly of the stamp division of the post office department is writing a brief descriptive history of the different U. S. stamps issued since we have had stamps for the annual report of the third assistant postmaster general. It is the first history of the stamps that has included them all. Mr. Kelly knows pretty nearly everything about stamps. He has been a long time in the stamp division. —Washington *Capital*." A man who "knows pretty nearly everything about stamps" is worth keeping track of,—but the clipping is very old; and the *Capital* is but a memory, we believe.

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First—We shall resume our observations on early philatelic literature which were begun in the issue preceding. Through Mr. Speakman's courtesy, we have examined a copy of the earliest American philatelic publication, "The Stamp Collector's Manual: being a complete guide to the collectors of American and foreign postage and despatch stamps." This work was first published in December, 1862, by A. C. Kline, 824 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, and the copy that we saw was in beautiful uncut condition with wrappers. Mr. Kline's manual was stigmatized as a piracy of the first edition, May, 1862, of Mount Brown's famous catalogue, London, but Mr. Kline's list of American "despatch" stamps seemed to be original. Our own William P. Brown, New York City, published a catalogue in March, 1868, which was quite pretentious and sold for ten cents. Of course there were many publications, philatelic journals and catalogues, published between 1862 and 1868. For instance, G. W. Winterburn & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, published a list of 32 pages, in 1865, price fifteen cents; and by 1868, Kline had published five more editions of his manual. In our estimation the Catalogue of postage stamps, American and foreign, and U. S. Revenue stamps, published at Cambridge, Mass., by Sever and Francis in 1863 was entitled to precedence, because of the thorough manner in which it treated its subject. There were 78 pages, bound in boards, in the catalogue of which an edition of 1,000 copies was printed in June, 1863. The author was George Dexter.

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Help!—Says one: The old-fashioned collector who expected to pay full catalogue for his stamps may as well blow out the gas. I have found the old-fashioned dealer who charges three times catalogue for a decrepit fifty cent Columbian, not to mention other stamps.

A COOK ISLANDS DISCOVERY.

(This interesting discovery in Cook Islands is recorded by "Stamp Collecting" and we feel sure that it will be of more than passing interest to our many readers. The printing of this news offers an opportunity to say a good word for our handbook on Cook Islands stamps by Mr. Poole. It is the only handbook published on these stamps and is sold for the very low price of 15c. If you are interested in the stamps of Cook Islands you should be the possessor of this work.—Ed.)

A philatelic "find" of extreme interest has just been made. Part of a sheet of the current (2d) Cook Islands (deep brown) has been discovered *without the figures of value in each corner*.

This discovery calls to mind the parallel case of the Gibraltar (10c) carmine of 1889, where a sheet of one hundred and twenty was similarly inadvertently issued without value; the greatest point of difference being that in every probability only sixty of the Cook Islands error exist, whereas exactly double the quantity of the Gibraltar variety occurred.



The part sheet of the Cook Islands error recently discovered consists of thirty-four stamps, and there is every likelihood that the remaining twenty-six have been used, as two postally used copies are known—a pair postmarked "Raratonga, 29.10.16".

Owing to the watermark of the sheet being somewhat misplaced, the top row of stamps is watermarked "POSTAGE" in large letters and, moreover, owing to this misplacement, two stamps on the sheet must exist without watermark as the word "POSTAGE" is shorter than the sheet. The used pair mentioned above has one stamp watermarked "E", and the other has no watermark. This pair evidently came from the same sheet as the block of thirty-four unused stamps, for the watermark fits exactly with that of the top row, the "E" of one of the used stamps completing the word "POSTAGE." This confirms the supposition that only one sheet exists thus, without value, and consequently the hunt for the rest of the used copies will be interesting.

The error is obviously amongst the rarest of all twentieth-century British Colonial stamps, and as it exists both used and unused it is doubly interesting, and, in a way, doubly rare.

The Gibraltar error with no value, referred to, is, we believe, only known unused, and is catalogued £25, whilst the famous Transvaal King Edward, watermarked "Anchor," two hundred and forty of which must have been issued, is now almost as valuable. With the tremendous demand for all twentieth century British Colonials, it will be interesting to learn what this Cook Islands error will fetch—if any of them come on the market. It is, of course, a plate variety of the first water, and the Transvaal "Anchor," being only an error of watermark, not apparent on the face of the stamp, cannot compare with this Cook Islands rarity in point of interest.

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OAXACA PERFORATIONS.

By JOHN N. LUFF.

(Continuing the consideration of the perforations on Oaxaca stamps there is an article in the current "Stamp Trade" which indicates the existence of some fraudulently issued regular and compound perforations. The writer states that they range from 8 to 14 and insists that there were only two styles of perforations used by the Oaxacans, "regular perf. 12 and sewing machine perf. 10 to 11." It is charged that these fancy perforations are produced from a stock of ungummed and imperforate stamps turned over to Hinojosa when the Carranzistas took Oaxaca City. We asked Mr. Luff for further comment on this matter and the following article is the result.—Ed.)

Before referring to some statements in the clipping I would like to call attention to a few things about the sewing machine perforation of the Oaxaca stamps. The single-line machine (gauge 12) perforated a row long enough to cross the entire sheet, either horizontally or vertically. The sewing machine perforation does not usually cross the margin. This is one feature by which it may be recognized. In my notes in *Scott's Circular* I neglected to point out the probable first cause of the sewing machine being used to perforate these stamps. The first prints of the 1c and 5c (type I, thick figures) were printed in groups of 21, two impressions being required to make a sheet. The two impressions were not always in register and an attempt to use the single-line machine to perforate the horizontal rows would result in cutting into some of the stamps. To obviate this the sewing machine was brought into use, as that could be made to perforate part of a row when desired. This having been found feasible, the machine was used subsequently to help out the work of perforating.

The variations in the gauge of the sewing machine perforation puzzled me, especially when I found several gauges in a row. I asked a married friend to get some information from his wife and thus learned that the number of holes a sewing machine needle will make in a given distance is regulated by a sort of thumb screw. If the machine is old or the screw not set tight, it might slip and so produce various gauges (as stamp collectors measure them) in one row of perforations.

Next I wish to say that I bought my Oaxaca stamps and sheets all over this country, from about a dozen different dealers, and I had most of them before the remainders came into the market. In arranging my collection I have recognized more settings than Mr. Enfield. The settings are due to rearranging the clichés, changing the rules surrounding them, etc. The differences are marked and if one has sheets or photographs it is easy to locate single stamps. It is not necessary to argue now whether Mr. Enfield or myself is right about the settings. It is sufficient to say that we agree regarding the last setting for each value. These last settings I term the remainder settings though, undoubtedly, many impressions from them were regularly issued. I call these last settings:

1 cent, setting III. 3 cent, setting II.
2 cent, setting IV. 5 cent, setting IIb.

As no perforation varieties are reported on the 10 cent it may be omitted from consideration. I give the foregoing list because I wish to call attention to the fact that certain gauges of perforation have been described as fraudulent and only applied to the remainders and that, when I describe perforation varieties which I have, I will not list any from the remainder settings. I will confine myself to consideration of sheets, etc., of the earlier settings which were obtained in Oaxaca at the time of use and not in Mexico City. The remainders, so far as I know, consisted of 1c, 5c (type II) and 10c stamps, with a few 2c and no 3c.

Now let us quote from the *Stamp Trade:* "The first printings and the last printings were all perf. 12, the sewing machine perf. (which varied in application from 10 to 11) being found only on second printing, 1c and 2c intermediate 5c and not at all on 3c or 10c. There was but one printing of 10c, all that were issued being perf. 12; there were but two printings of 3c, all perf. 12, the first coming before the use of the sewing machine perf. and the last after this had been abandoned."

And now let us see what evidence I can report from my collection in contradiction of the foregoing statements:

1c perf. 12x9½, setting I.
1c perf. 10x12, setting II.
2c perf. 11x12, setting II, block.
2c perf. 10x10, setting III, large block and have seen a sheet.
2c perf. 11x12, setting III, two sheets.
3c perf. 10x12, setting I, block including the inverted "3" and have memorandum of a sheet.
3c perf. 12x12, the horizontal perf. made by sewing machine, sheet of setting I, with inverted "3", etc.
5c type I, sheet with two vertical rows perf. 10½ and one perf. 14.
5c type I, block perf. 12 vertically and sewing machine perf. 11½, 12, 12½ horizontally.
5c, sheet, half type I, half type II. Perf. 12, vertically and sewing machine perf. 11, 12, 13, 14 horizontally.

This list shows among other things that 1c, 3c and 5c stamps of the first settings exist with sewing machine perforation and with other gauges than are recognized by the correspondent of the *Stamp Trade.*

In another paragraph that correspondent says that a great quantity of unfinished stamps, something like 150,000, were sent to Mexico City and there the two arch conspirators "gummed and perforated the unfinished stamps (mostly 5c and 10c)." Um! Curious, isn't it, that they did so many perforation stunts with the 5c but couldn't see any utility in the same tricks with the 10c, which the correspondent himself states were all perf. 12.

Here is another strange thing. If the clever people who had the Oaxaca remainders in hand made perforation varieties to help out the sale why didn't they call attention to the things that were supposed to help the marketing of their goods? Proof that they did not is found in the fact that the dealer who bought most of the remainders did not know that perforation varieties existed in the lot until I pointed them out to him.

Lastly: When these dreadful people in Mexico City had in hand this great lot of 150,000 unfinished stamps—which we may assume means imperforate stamps, since it is asserted they were fraudulently and scandalously perforated—wasn't it strange that such astute people, so well posted about tricking stamp dealers and collectors, should overlook the salability of imperf. and part perf. varieties? There was not a single imperf. stamp among the remainders that came to this country, and of part perfs. there were exactly two sheets, each of which lacked one row of perforation. What an amazing oversight! What a downfall of trickery!

How are the foregoing things to be explained? How, indeed, unless we conclude that the writer in the *Stamp Trade* is entirely mistaken in his assertions that the Oaxaca stamps were unfinished when sent to Mexico City and were afterwards perforated there with fraudulent intent. Your readers can draw their own conclusions.

NOTES ON NEW BRITAIN.

A good deal of interest has been aroused, within the last few weeks, by the rumour that the stamps of the Australian Commonwealth, overprinted "N. W. Pacific Islands", have been superseded by the series issued in the first instance for the island of Nauru.

Whether there is any truth in the report remains to be seen, but it would surprise no one to know that some change is to be made in the provision of postage stamps for these Australasian islands. Many things have happened to add notoriety to the already sufficiently complex philatelic history of these islands, of which press controversies and the court-martial of the ex-Lieutenant Moore (formerly Postmaster at Rabaul) have been outstanding features.

Early in 1915, Colonel Pethridge, the Administrator of New Britain, having found the multitudinous varieties of "G. R. I." on German New Guinea and Marshall Islands stamps somewhat nauseating, advocated the use of the issues of Papua, without overprint, and, for a time, that was allowed, and consequently we may obtain Papuan stamps with New Britain postmarks. That, however, was a temporary expedient, which was the only thing to be done in the circumstances, the stock of N. W. Pacific Islands provisionals having then become exhausted.

The various German registration labels of Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Friedrich Wilhelmshaven, Kieta, Kaweing, and Manus, overprinted "G. R. I." and used for postage, have appreciated in value to an astounding degree, and, as we learn that the obliterating stamp "Kokopo" has now superseded the "Herbertshohe" postmark, the latter will presumably be a fairly scarce commodity.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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UNITED STATES.—Dr. A. P. Lee reports receipt of all of the current issue perforated 11 up to and including the dollar value.

5c error in plate of the 2c.—The writer has seen several copies of this error in blocks, half sheets and in entire sheets. Eugene Klein has submitted half sheets showing the single error (No. 18) with perforations both 10 and 11. Percy McG. Mann has shown an entire sheet with the two errors (Nos. 74 and 84 in the sheet) with perforation 11. Up to this writing these errors do not seem to be at all plentiful and entire sheets seem to be scarce. Can it be possible that the errors exist in imperforate sheets and compound perforations as well as with the 10 and 11 perforation?

ANTIGUA.—It is reported that the ½d surcharged "WAR STAMP" will shortly be placed in use with the overprint in red.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—According to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* the following errors exist in the two printings of the ½d on 2½d WAR STAMP:

March 1st, 1917. War Tax Postage. Overprint WAR STAMP in two lines.
1st Printing. Small letters 1¼ mm. high.
1½d on 2½d ultramarine; plate 5.
Errors and Varieties in Overprint.
a Smaller "W."
b Smaller "A" in WAR.
c Slanting "S."
d Broad "S."
e Smaller "S."
f Inverted "S."
g Smaller "A" in STAMP.
h Narrow "M."
i Smaller "M."
j Smaller "P."
k Inverted "d" for P.
l Double stop or colon.
m Very small stop.
n Large stop.
Types and errors in surcharge.
i. Bar 2½ mm. To centre of loop of "d."
ii. Bar 2 mm. To base of "d."
iii. Bar 2 mm. To top of loop.
iv. Bar 1 or 1½ mm. Ditto.
v. Error. No fraction bar.
vi. Error. "o" instead of "d."
vii. Smaller "2" in fraction.
Anomalous Inscription "G" for "C."
No. 6 in right-hand panes.
1½d on 2½d GAYMAN ISLANDS.
2nd Printing. Larger letters, 1¾ mm. high.
1½d on 2½d deep ultramarine, plate 5.
Varieties in overprint.
a Large Stop.
Types and errors in surcharge.
i. Bar 2½ mm. To centre of loop of "d."
ii. Bar 2 mm. To base of "d."
iii. Bar 2 mm. To top of loop.
iv. Bar 1 mm. Ditto.
v. Error. No fraction bar.
vi. Error. Straight top "1."
vii. Smaller "2" in fraction.

COLOMBIA.—G. A. Higlett has kindly sent for our inspection some very marked varieties of the current 20c black (S. G. type 96 and 101), with the following description:—"A packet received from Colombia, posted at Bogota on February 24th, 1917, was franked with a number of 20c stamps which, on examination, proved to consist of four varieties, of which three are not catalogued. Three are printed by Senor G. J. Arango, of Medellin, and the fourth is by the Government Works. The Government print presents the same general appearance as the Arango prints, but the design differs throughout in details, and it is a generally inferior production. It differs also from the catalogued variety of Government print in having the imprint placed beneath the right of the stamp. Probably other varieties of perforation, etc., may be looked for. The four varieties are:—

A. Imprint at foot "Lit. G. J. Arango, Medellin, Col." Imprint close to foot of stamp. On white paper, Perf. 12. On blued paper. Perf. 12. Imprint spaced from foot of stamp. On yellowish white paper. Perf. 12.

B. Imprint at foot "Lit. Nacional." Imprint at right of stamp. On thin paper, almost pelure. Perf. 13½.

—*Phil. Jour. Gt. Brit.*

CUBA.—Percy McG. Mann has shown us several new values of the now current set:

Regular Adhesives.
3c violet, Josa de la Lux.
5c blue, Calixto Garcia.
8c burnt sienna, Agramonte.

These stamps bear a marked resemblance to the 1914 set of Bavaria and are similarly attractive.

EAST AFRICA.—*Late German Territory.—British Occupation.*—We extract from the *Colonial Journal* the following interesting news:—"It has been decided to make use of East Africa Protectorate postage stamps overprinted G. E. A. in the occupied territory of German East Africa. The following values are in course of preparation:—1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 25, 50 and 75 cents; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 50 rupees; 3 and 6 cent single postcards; and small registration envelopes will also be supplied with the overprint."

Without any qualification denoting British occupation conjoined with the three single letters G. E. A., it would appear as if German Forces were in occupation of British East Africa. We may be strong in nerve and imagination, but surely such an absurdity as the possibility of giving a German title to British stamps should be eliminated in every circumstance. It is passing strange that such has been sanctioned. We have written in the matter to the supreme authority, and may be when the eye is opened rectification will be made.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

MACAO.—The following appeared in the *Phila. Public Ledger.* "The recent purchase by Japan of Portuguese land rights in Macao will bring to a close the issuing of constant sets of stamps for this comparatively unimportant settlement. Portuguese merchants established themselves at Macao, a port on the south coast of China about 1557, with the permission of the Chinese authorities. For the last 60 years the Portuguese have governed it exclusively, although never actually owning it, and since 1883 they have issued more than 500 varieties of stamps. As a result of Japan's action, Japanese stamps surcharged for use in Macao and possibly Macao stamps overprinted in Japanese characters, are likely to appear. Meanwhile the prices of some of the Portuguese Macao labels have more than doubled in value."

HUNGARY.—Under the caption "New Postage Stamps in War Time" two new charity stamps are noted in a recent German paper, a clipping coming to this office through Ludwig L. Simon. The text of the clipping is as follows:—

"Two very pretty stamps have been issued in Hungary, namely Charity stamps at 10 and 15 fillers, which are being sold at 2 fillers over face value. The 10f value depicts a Hungarian Hussar, the other (15f) value shows a Hungarian foot soldier fighting."

LICHTENSTEIN.—Ludwig L. Simon informs us that the Duchy of Lichtenstein will shortly issue two new postage stamps, 3h and 15h. They will depict the coat of arms of this country and the picture of the reigning king, Johann II.

N. W. PACIFIC ISLANDS.—The *Australian Stamp Journal* lists the official figures of quantities of the various stamps overprinted "N. W. PACIFIC ISLANDS," sent to Rabaul, together with dates of despatch.

The figures are interesting and will probably cause revision in the estimate of value formed by collectors and dealers. Unfortunately, the information does not give particulars as to which setting the stamps were printed from, nor detail of the supplies in different watermarks, but their correspondent furnishes a list, based on enquiries, which he considered may be reckoned as correct. Only by comparing the dates on which the 2nd and 3rd wmk. Kangaroo stamps were printed, with deliveries to Rabaul, could an attempt be made to give numbers issued. Usually the stamps for Rabaul orders are overprinted and despatched within three days of receipt of demand. The correspondent in listing the quantities issued of the various denominations on the 1st and 2nd wmk. papers, together with those issued to date on the 3rd wmk. paper, adds that though the 2½d despatched in October, 1915, and July, 1916, were almost certain to have been the 2nd wmk. variety, these do not appear to have yet been issued at Rabaul. —*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

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I saw these sheets on May 15 and the stock clerk told me that they all came from one lot of 50,000 stamps, from which sales had been made for several days prior to his attention to the May 2nd circular from the Third Assistant Postmaster General. It is thus possible that a number of these errors may have been sold to the public and unknowingly used on letters.

The sheets are of course from plate 7942 and perforated 10. They are the upper left pane and the fourth stamps from the left on the eighth and ninth rows are the errors. The numbers would therefore be 74 and 84 in the pane.

This is the only lot of stamps in stock printed since March 6, 1917, at the post-office here. The sheets were well scattered through this lot and gives me the idea that many post-offices may get them and that the errors may not be as rare as some think they are. I am urging my customers to look over the stocks of every post-office possible, as many post-masters do not pay attention to their circulars and thus are not watching out for the error.

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May 15th, 1917.

The regular meeting was called to order by the President at 7.45 this evening. The treasurer made his monthly report and a report was made by the Library Committee. Messrs. F. S. Billings and F. G. Floyd were elected to membership, their numbers being 626 and 627 respectively. It was announced that there would be a competition at the June meeting. Those competing will exhibit any two British Colonies which have issued at least 25 stamps each, only regular postal issues to be taken into consideration in marking same. The President offers a silver and a bronze medal as prizes and hopes that there will be a large number of entries.

The entertainment consisted of an illustrated lecture on the life of Columbus. The lecture was written and delivered by Mr. C. A. Howes and it was apparent from hearing it that Mr. Howes had gone into the subject with his usual painstaking thoroughness. The fifty members and friends who were in attendance enjoyed the talk and the lantern slides and the Lantern Committee expect that this is only one of several such lectures which will be prepared both for the purpose of entertaining our own members but also which may be given at other gatherings of those interested in Philately.

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MILTON RAY'S FIND.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

"An' if 'is gun hadn't-a stuck in 'is scabbard, Arizony 'ud-a been *de*prived o' her risin' young c'lector."

This charming sentiment was wafted to me on the summer breeze as I awoke from my siesta. It was the voice of Jimmy O'. Eddy Fyne's back and the feet of a stranger were in my line of vision. Jimmy the invisible was easily located,—in his self-imposed martyrdom of swinging in the sun in his barrel-stave hammock.

"She sure would. By heck! W'en I see 'im comin' tow'ds me on the lope, me still bein' part asleep, 'e starts t' pull 'is gun an' I falls over the aidge uv th' cliff. W'en I comes to, 'e's settin' lookin' at me wit' a sweet smile an' a chunk o' ore in 'is paw. Come t' fin' out, e' thinks I was jumpin' uv 'is claim, but stead o' that I jest loosened up some pretty rich ore a-fallin' down them there twenty feet er more inter that there pile o' bresh. Gee! That there bresh were wuth more t' me jest then than all th' rest strikes in Arizony."

"Why n't yuh org'nize yerse'f an' sell stock on the bresh pile, 'stead o' the mine?" queried Eddy.

"What, me No, sir. No organizin' fer mine. I'm a cow-punch. I ain't no pick-an-pan outfit,—not me."

"But that there prospecter's plum' grateful—offered me a half intres'. 'No, sir,' says I. 'It's your stake an' all I want is t' fin' my cayuse an' light out fer Willow.'

"Well, year er two after that the half interes' in that there mine sol' fer a hunder' an' sixty thousan' cash. Me, I thows it away nice and gentle like, without any regret before or since. I tell yuh, they's many a good cow-punch spoiled by goin' prospectin' an' gettin' rich in a day."

I appeared on the scene at the climax, and—it was Milton Ray! He sat drinking in Jimmy's story—Milton Ray, brown and on the way to health, with the same quick speech, hearty laugh, and winning way I had known three lustrums ago when we worked together in what the boys called "the graveyard"—a daily in a big eastern city. The

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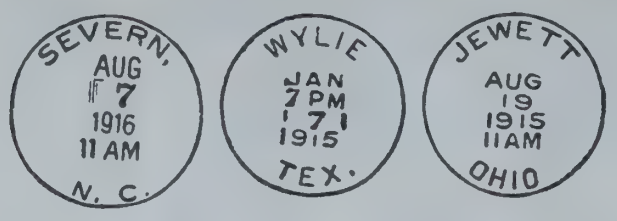
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Jimmy threw a Spanish spur at Eddy. The rowels took the mark in the calf of the leg, and Eddy blatted. This brought his speech to an abrupt end, and cooled his enthusiasm.

"The boys have been kindness itself," said Ray. "Why, that day I landed here sick and weary of life, I planned to look you up and see if you could place me somewhere that I might die peacefully—I was that homesick. But when Jimmy O'. here 'hailed' me, I knew I was doomed to disappointment on the die proposition."

"The die is cast," broke in Jimmy, with a grin.

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"Sure—gov'ner's again th' death pen'lty," declared Jimmy.

"Yep. Steal a cow an' yuh git fo'teen years. Croak a man un' yuh git a p'role," added Eddy. "Atter this, I'm gon-a kill 'em. I got a fine bunch all lined out."

We all laughed, including Eddy. In my heart I felicitated the governor on his anti-death penalty stand. One innocent life taken,—prison doors swing wide, but the gates of death close forever.

"It does me good to get among friends once more," resumed Ray. "Why, the boys are just like our press gang back east—open as the day—helpful—and anxious to have you make good. I don't wonder you love them. And the queer thing to me is that so many of them are collectors. I presume they caught the fever from you?"

Ray laughed joyously. Jimmy O'. and Eddy grinned appreciatively.

"Oh, yes. Here is my old collection, which you haven't seen since I fetched it down that morning you were encouraging me to persevere—a cub reporter. Well, here it is—only I've added some things since."

Ray brought forth his familiar board-cover "International" and we began to turn the leaves. Here was a New York postmaster's on entire—double line at bottom—which I remembered he bought from a house-wrecker's foreman who found it between the studding and siding of a house. The ninety-cents, 1869, was a fine, unused o. g. copy I recalled as one he said his mother had treasured—bright and beautiful as the day it was printed. Canada—we all "ran" to Canada, as it was just across the river from us—was complete, and there were a nice lot of B. N. A.'s.

At the back of the book I knew must be the chiefest treasure, for Eddy's restlessness betrayed the proximity of the surprise.

I turned the leaf. In a beautiful frame designed in pen and ink, which I at once recognized as the work of Thomas May—that incomparable cartoonist and wit, with whom we had both been associated.—reposed an entire. To an outsider, it was not lovely to look upon; but to us! It was a beautifully impressed copy of the great rarity,—the Lockport, New York, postmaster's stamp! I studied it carefully. The entire bore the name of New York State's governor of the period—a distant relative of Ray's people. It was in every way an "association copy"—as one says of certain books.

"The stamp had a curious history," began Ray, as I handed him the volume. "I remember you said once you had relatives back there—more than a hundred years on one farm. Well, I had a great-aunt who lived near there, and I went down to see her the summer after you left the east—dandy woman, too—said I was the only relative she had who had come to see her in years.

"The following autumn she died, and I went to the old home. She had left it to me—everything she possessed. A niece was living with her—is there yet; for I gave her a life lease of the place, and the income. The niece insisted that I take a box of papers and letters back with me,—the contents of the old secretary. When I got back, I looked through the things. There I found this Lockport Local, and a few other rare bits. This, however, was the gem of the collection."

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CAYMAN IDS. 1½d WAR TAX STAMPS.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

(We are indebted to Harry E. Huber for much information in connection with recent stamp happenings in the British West Indies. This article on the Cayman Islands war stamps recently issued will be perused with interest. Mr. Huber is a keen collector of the stamps of this dependency and at a no distant date we hope to publish a history of Cayman Islands stamps from his pen.—Ed.)

The first printing of the Cayman Islands, 1½d on 2½d War Stamp, shows the same characteristics as the November printing of the 3d Jamaica War Stamp.

The ½d and 1½d stamps of Jamaica are in sheets of 240, four panes of 60 each, while the 3d is in sheets of 120, two panes of 60. The WAR STAMP overprint was set up to take care of 240 stamps at one operation, and when the 3d came to the press, a change was necessary. Examination of sheets of the Jamaican war stamp shows that panes 1 and 4 of the four-pane setting, were used for overprinting the 3d stamps.

On the left pane of the 1½d on 2½d War Stamp, stamp 9 shows a narrow "M"; 21 and 46 show broken "W"; 57, broken "S", 31, "P" of a different font and 50 a broken "M".

On the right pane, stamp 4 shows a very faintly printed period after STAMP, and stamp 20 shows a character resembling a semi-colon.

The 1½d portion of the surcharge was set up to cover but 60 stamps, so that two operations were necessary to add this value to the sheets of 120 of the 2½d, already overprinted with WAR STAMP. The sheets of 120, it has now been ascertained, were not cut up into the Post Office sheets of 60, until the surcharging was completed.

Many varieties are to be found in the 1½d portion of the surcharge, due to the varying lengths and thicknesses of the fraction bar, as well as the position of the "d" after the fraction. Almost every stamp shows a different combination.

Stamp 42 of the left pane (repeated on the right pane) shows the initial "1" with a forked top, while stamp 16 shows a very faint fraction bar, which disappeared entirely as the printing proceeded.

The first printing stamps were received in Grand Cayman in the early days of December, 1916, but were not put on sale until February 26th, 1917, by which time the second printing stamps were at hand. The war tax became effective on that day, and is to "remain in force for the period of one year from its commencement," according to clause 5 of Law 4 of 1916.

Between the time of dispatch of the first printing stamps from Kingston, and the receipt of the second lot of 2½d to be surcharged, at the Government Printing Office, the small 6-point Roman type was abandoned for the Jamaican war stamps, and a bolder font was under consideration.

In the course of experimenting with different fonts, trial impressions were made on the 2½d Cayman Islands stamps; in different colors, font, spacing, etc., before the present 8-point Roman font was selected. These color trials, or proofs were very carefully guarded, and later the five panes of 60 stamps each, were burned in the presence of the Auditors at Kingston.

The second printing of the Cayman Islands War Stamps was made from this new setting, the type being in virgin state, and no broken letters occur, although all three values of the Jamaican war stamps show broken letters.

The WAR STAMP and 1½d was set up together for 120 subjects, so that varieties occurring on the left pane are not to be found on the complementary stamps of the right pane. The 52nd stamp of the left pane shows no fraction bar, while the 56th stamp shows the initial "1" with a straight top, instead of the normal curved. The right pane shows no such varieties.

It seems very probable that after printing the Cayman Islands war stamps the 1½d portion was removed, and the WAR STAMP setting used for the 3rd and 4th panes of the Jamaican war stamps.

The 3rd and 4th panes of the 240-setting for the ½d and 1½d Jamaican war stamps show but few broken letters whereas pane 1 shows a no period error, and pane 2 contains stamps with some letters of the overprint from the previous 6-point setting. The 3d Jamaica war stamp, which requires but a 120

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setting, also comes from the pane 1 and 2 setting.

The face value of the second printing of the Cayman Islands war stamps was a trifle in excess of £300, and these were exhausted by March 15th.

The Cayman Islands authorities have now ordered a 1½d War Stamp from the Crown Agents, but there seems to be much doubt as to exactly what this is to be—whether further 2½d surcharged, or a 1½d in the same type as the current stamps remains to be seen.

At the meeting of the Justices and Vestry on September 20th, 1916, it was explained "that the stamp to be used would be the 2½d surcharged, as there would be considerable expense in making up a die for a new stamp . . . and the law would only be imposed for a year unless it was found necessary to extend the time."

NOTES ON STAMPS.

The 2½d Cape, 1902, seems a stamp of some promise, occasionally a few are offered here and there, but probably not any great quantity of really fine used copies are about.

Montserrat, 1908, will probably rise in price presently. The 3d is not scarce, however, and may prove the easiest to get of all the middle values.

There is some evidence that the 45c Straits, 1911, is being gathered somewhat eagerly.

Twopenny "greys" are not always easy to get in fine used condition, a circumstance which may, perhaps, send up the average price of this denomination. In this department the collector is wise in taking such fine copies as are offered him, without being influenced by the price thereof.

The 4c Straits, 1911, bright purple or magenta, apparently appeared only some little time before the Georgian issue, and is by no means common. Its shade is somewhat striking, and the stamp cannot be mistaken.

A study of various price lists seems to show that used copies of Northern Nigeria, 2d to 1s values of recent issues are more plentiful than Southern Nigerian issues of the same grade and date.

Little philatelic problems crop up occasionally in the course of one's correspondence; for example, how many 3d denominations of Malta have there been, and when did this value cease to be employed? What is the reason of its comparative cheapness, as a used copy?

With regard to the two stamps 1c, carmine, Queen, and 2c orange, King, of Newfoundland, 1897, the first named may possibly overtake the latter eventually, in the matter of price.

Among the used Northern Nigerian of 1902 up to 1910, prices vary according to condition, and some specimens have to be fifty per cent. dearer than others. Fine copies should be worth a good deal more than is asked for average specimens.

The 6d and 1s current Gibraltar strike one as being too cheaply priced in several lists.

Stamps of Mauritius are usually very nicely postmarked, some used copies of the current 25c coming to hand in very fine condition.

Judging from market prices a really fine copy of the 2s 6d British Georgian should be cheap at a shilling.

The 1½d Jamaica War stamp has evidently gone up, and in one of the lists the 1½d without the overprint is marked "obsolete."

Since the current 6c Seychelles is reported with a change of inscription, there should be some inquiry for the retiring 6c stamp. Will any of the other values be changed?

—*Stamp Coll. Fortnightly.*

MERE MEMORANDA.

By Dak.

The declaration of independence of the King of the Hejaz from the Ottoman Empire, one of the results of which is an issue of postage stamps, brings a new stamp-issuing country into the catalogues. This has been already named "Arabia" and "Hedjaz." It may be well, however, for philatelists to note that official documents mention "the Hejaz," and to accept official guidance in this connection when speaking or writing of the series of stamps now appearing, if only for the sake of uniformity.

There is no accounting for taste, but it is probable that I am not alone in welcoming the appearance of British stamps overprinted "NAURU." The overprint seems to lend to these really beautiful issues just that added strength necessary to touch them into philatelic greatness. I am the last man, as a rule, to advocate either an overprint or a surcharge if avoidable, but were the general idea of overprinting stamps of a mother country for permanent use in a dependency more often adopted it would, to my mind, meet with wide approval. Several of the smaller crown colonies, if using overprinted British stamps (and no others), would gain in every way by so doing; and the same might be said with even greater truth in respect of France and some of her minor possessions abroad.

The "Sword of Justice" stamp of the "National Philatelic War Fund," the design for which has been considered by His Majesty himself as "most appropriate," is out in new colours, for which a brisk demand is desired. But its work is practically done, and it has been good work. The most wonderful sight in the world upon Friday last was the flag of "the crimson bars and the silver stars" flapping from the top of the Victoria Tower for the first time in history. As I looked at it the thought came to me, "What an opportunity for another Red Cross label." Just the top of the tower with the "Stars and Stripes" above it. It would capture both imagination and coppers the world over.—*London Philatelist.*

5c RED ERROR—TOTAL ISSUE.

We treat this week editorially of the 5c red error and the information will be read with interest especially the estimate of the total number issued. The printing of fifty thousand sheets with three errors to the sheet would mean a total of 150,000. Granted that thousands of these may be returned to the P. O. Department in accordance with official instructions, there should nevertheless be a goodly supply come on the market. Already indications point to the discovery of the error in such quantities as to keep the stamp out of the *rara avis* class.

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1901, 2c vermilion	.01
7c brown orange	.07
1904, Lithographed 1c, 2c, 5c	.05
1905, 5m orange	.01
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

FINE TO PERFECTION

Is the only description required as to the condition of the 20th Century stamps in our next sale No. 211 to be held in the CLUB ROOM of the PHILADELPHIA STAMP CLUB on Wednesday evening, June 13. Practically the entire sale is devoted to unused 20th Century Stamps, a catalog of which has been mailed to all auction buyers on our list. There are about one hundred lots of 19th Century stamps at the end of the sale, including some rarities. If you do not receive our catalogs regularly, send us a request and "GET ON OUR MAILING LIST."

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We have received a lengthy letter from Frederick D. Markee in which he criticizes the dealers who either ignore communications sent them or take two or three weeks to fill orders. We are aware that Mr. Markee has just ground for his complaint but the remedy lies in the collectors' hands. It's an easy thing to test out a dealer and one experience should be sufficient.

—Vahan Mozian of N. Y. City announces an auction sale of more than ordinary interest elsewhere in this issue. Evidently Mr. Mozian intends to ignore the proverbial summer dullness and this sale will no doubt attract considerable attention. Its contents will be exhibited at Boston on the date named at the office of the Hub Stamp Co. and Boston collectors are urged to inspect the same.

—Dr. Harry G. Oakland of Milwaukee, ordering some illustrations of the 5c New York plate, encloses three subscriptions to the WEEKLY. Two are for friends and the other is to be bestowed "where it will do the most good."

—E. E. Bright, Black River Falls, Wis., would like information in regard to R. H. Bode, Carick, Pa.; LeRoy Watson, Toledo, O., and A. B. Cleveland, Holyoke, Mass. Letters addressed to these parties meet with no reply. H. L. Smith, 88 Gibson St., Canandaigua, N. Y., reports Sydney Sandbergen, Leominster, Mass., Geo. Wittmer, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Stanley F. Lester, Youngstown, O.

—O. G. W.—(1) Your label is simply an advertisement of an association that is endeavoring to secure 1c letter postage. It is an advertising label pure and simple. (2) Canada stamp companies will be very glad to use all U. S. money that may come their way.

—Several subscribers note their ability to secure copies of the 5c red error. One subscriber in Chicago secured ten sheets from a local stamp window.

—We are advised by R. R. Freshwater, Provo, Utah, that a limited supply of the 12c U. S. in copper-red is on hand at the local post office.

—Can anyone give us the present address of Louis Lazos, formerly of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Las Animas, Col.? The same is desired by H. R. Stiles of Schenectady, N. Y.

—Hugo Morlock, Privada Alamo 6, Mexico City, complains that he can get no reply to letters sent Wm. E. Dixon, 1715 A St., N. E., Washington, D. C. Anyone interested in this matter should communicate with Mr. Morlock. In his correspondence Dixon used stationery of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, but it transpires that he is no longer employed in this Bureau.

—Herman Focke calls our attention to the fact that Rajah Sir Charles Brooke of Sarawak died May 17 in London. He has been a familiar figure on Sarawak stamps and it may mean a new set of stamps for that colony.

—The following announcement is taken from the New York *Post* of May 8, 1917, and we extend our sympathy to the members of the family of the late George M. Mekeel, whom we remember as a gentleman of a kindly nature and of engaging attainments.

George M. Mekeel died Saturday at Minneapolis, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was born near Yorktown Heights, Westchester County, December 20, 1839. He was the father of Charles Haviland Mekeel, of Virginia; George D. Mekeel, of Minneapolis, and the late Isaac A. Mekeel of this city.

—W. T. Wilson sends us a dozen prices realized in connection with the D. P. Masson sale of India and Ceylon stamps. We would that we had space to publish a larger number of quotations, as the prices are interesting. We quote:

Ceylon, 4d imperf. Scott's No. 5, cat. $125 $145.00
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8d ditto Scott's No. 8, cat. $100 .. 180.00
Scott's No. 12 unused 67.50
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Lot 239, fine obliterated forgery 4a inverted head 22.50
A horizontal strip of four No. 4a medium setting Lot 244 used .. 175.00
Lot 248, No. 4a close setting, vertical pair, unused 170.00
Entire sheets of the ½a 1st issue Lots 260 to 265 realized from $140 to $230, and the 1a 190.00
Inverted surcharge on 6a Scott's No. 30a used 255.00
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—A correspondent writes: "I located forty-one sheets of the five cent error at our post office and went back to the store to get the cash to buy them but in the meantime the clerk showed them around and the news got to the postmaster before I could get back and he promptly confiscated every one of them."

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from O. R. Henderson, C. M. Breder, Maitland Milliken and H. H. Reeves.

—H. H. Reeves sending us a newspaper clipping containing an appeal to the editor for stamps signed by an interned Belgian soldier, makes the following comment which at the same time is an eloquent tribute to the value of our hobby:

"I can sympathize with Mr. Carthals, as I have been in bed just a year and don't know what I would have done, if it wasn't for my stamp collecting. For anyone who is 'interned' in any way, you can't beat stamp collecting for a hobby."

—The latest in advertising cancellations is one just at hand from T. J. Eppes. It bears the date mark "Washington, D. C., May 24, 1917" and the regular cancellation has in six lines the following:—"Do your bit. Buy a Liberty Loan Bond. Inquire at any bank or post office."

—We are pleased to withdraw any reflection cast upon the name of John Woodbridge, Montrose, N. Y. Aggrieved parties state that all claims have been adjusted.

—The Providence (R. I.) *Journal* of May 27 contained a very interesting article by E. Tudor Gross on "The Lure of Stamp Collecting". It deals with war issues and is freely illustrated. The article is of more than ordinary literary merit and its excellence may be attributed to the fact that Mr. Gross is a member of the R. I. P. S. and an ardent philatelist. Would that we had the space to publish this entire article, illustrations and all.

—By order of the P. O. Department a new task has been imposed upon the employees in post offices of the second, third and fourth class. Each piece of incoming first class mail must be rubber-stamped "Do your bit. Buy a Liberty Loan Bond. Inquire at any bank or post office."

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1c green, No. 865a* ..... .50
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No. 53	1904, 2½p violet & ultra..	.20	.12
No. 54	1904, 3p violet & brown ..	.35	.15
No. 55	1904, 6p violet & red violet	.50	.22
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RENEWAL.—Arrearages are shown by the label on your wrapper. If the number on your label has been passed by the whole number on the first page of this issue kindly remit 50c for a year's subscription.
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EDITORIAL.

Error—We are indebted to the *Philatelic Gazette* for particulars as to the five cent error. In the May number of our excellent contemporary, Mr. Joseph B. Leavy says: "After a plate has been laid down and finished by the transfer-worker, a proof impression is taken and sent to an inspector who examines it carefully to see if all impressions are uniform and if so, the plate is approved and placed in stock; if some impressions are thin or light they are marked and the transfer-worker ordered to burnish them out and reimpress them properly. In the case of plate 7942, three impressions were thin and ordered rubbed out and re-impressed. Through an unaccountable error, the transfer-worker was given a transfer of the 5c denomination for this work instead of a 2c transfer, and re-impressed the three rubbed out subjects with the 5c transfer without noticing that it was the wrong denomination." Mr. Leavy proceeds to explain how the mistake was not detected even under the perfected system of espionage in the Bureau, in the pressure of a multitude of tasks and strain of overtime work. The oversight was a natural one under the circumstances but the explanation invites a few inquiries.

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Questions—Granting that one subject on the transfer roll may be placed so that it rocks its impression into the blank space perfectly, how was the blank space treated so that it was exactly flush with the surrounding cliches? If even the thin lines were rubbed away, it would seem that the effect would be to remove at least a trace of the steel. What effect would this depression have in the printing process? In what manner was the deficiency made good? These questions have suggested themselves to collectors and we have no doubt but that they will be answered.

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Aftermath—A printing of fifty thousand sheets as reported with three errors to the sheet, two in the upper left pane, numbers 74 and 84 and one on the lower right pane, number 18, of sheet 7942 means a liberal allowance of the stamps for collectors and from what we have seen and from what we have heard, we know that many of our readers were fortunate enough to participate in the grand distribution. As to price, it is only fair to say that it will be some time before it becomes established.

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Romance—Several weeks ago, we noticed the announcement in the newspapers of the death in England of Rajah Brooke of Sarawak, at the age of eighty-eight years. Rajah Charles Johnson Brooke has long been regarded with friendly eyes by collectors as his portrait for so many years has been the feature of the issues of Sarawak. The first stamp that appeared in 1869 with the initials J. B. in the upper corners pictured Sir James Brooke, while the subsequent issues offered the likeness of Sir Charles Johnson Brooke. We can still see the witching statistics in the stamp album, under Sarawak: "Government—A province of Borneo," and remember marveling at the spectral lineaments on the first stamp, shown by cut in the album and speculating on its evident rarity, proclaimed by the very appearance of the stamp. The enchanting history of the organization of Sarawak appealed strongly to the boyish mind; and the story of how Charles Johnson Brooke resigned a commission in the British Navy in 1851 to engage with his uncle in his work of practical pacification of the head-hunting Dyaks and the ruthless pirates evoked great admiration. It was in 1842 that the Sultan of Borneo conferred on Sir James Brooke, four hundred miles of territory, according to coast-line, on the west coast of Borneo as an evidence of appreciation of services valiantly and vigorously rendered. It was in 1868 that the nephew, Sir Charles Johnson Brooke, succeeded his uncle, Sir James Brooke, deceased.

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Goodness—We have a seasonable tale to tell in connection with the death of the second Rajah Brooke and a feeling of affection for the brave soul who has passed on comes over us as we view the evidence of his considerate regard for a young stamp collector. In 1878, Mr. C. F. Adams, then living in Cincinnati, was the greatest traveler of the age,—for his age. It must be admitted that all of his travels were flights of the imagination and were on the order of "round the world in a rocking chair" but they were vivid for all that. Young Adams, about twelve years of age at the time, read all the books on travel that he could achieve, annex or appropriate and for good measure, read the encyclopedia from A to Z. Master Adams was obsessed by the romantic story of Sarawak and Rajah Brooke and he wrote to Sarawak to say as much, and post-scriptually he asked for a few stamps for his collection. After several months had elapsed, a letter came from the "Pri. Sec." of the Rajah, saying that several sets of the 1875 issue and some "Receipt" stamps were enclosed by the direction of the Rajah. We have seen the gracious letter and also the cover that enclosed the stamps. In the upper right corner was the 30 cents claret, Straits Settlements 1872 duly canceled at Singapore. Below this stamp was the four cents brown on yellow paper, Sarawak, canceled partly on the stamp and partly on the envelope. The Sarawak stamps were local in the sense that they were not recognized generally by countries not adjacent to Sarawak and consquently the Sarawak stamp paid the postage from Kuching, Sarawak to Singapore, where the Straits Settlements stamp was applied for the carriage of the letter to this country. Sarawak had postal arrangements with a number of the countries nearby, no doubt.

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Abroad—In the April number of the *London Philatelist*, there is a most sympathetic tribute by Mr. E. D. Bacon to Marcellus Purnell Castle whose death was felt as a bereavement by the philatelic world. Under the charge of the new editor, Mr. Thomas William Hall, the *London Philatelist* preserves the traditions of the past and conforms to the standards maintained by the late editor. Among the notes in the current issue we find the following: "The 'Sword of Justice' stamp of the 'National Philatelic War Fund,' the design of which has been considered by His Majesty himself as 'most appropriate,' is out in new colours, for which a brisk demand is desired. But its work is practically done, and it has been good work. The most wonderful sight in the world upon Friday last was the flag of 'the crimson bars and the silver stars' flapping from the top of the Victoria Tower for the first time in history. As I looked at it the thought came to me, 'What an opportunity for another Red Cross label.' Just the top of the tower with the 'Stars and Stripes' above it. It would capture both imagination and coppers the world over." It is noticed that in this country no labels for general circulation for the raising of funds for patriotic purposes have been issued thus far but it is likely that advantage will be taken of this method in a short time.

"KURIOSITI KABINET."

While references have been made in the WEEKLY in the past to this old stamp publication begun in 1870 by Wm. P. Brown, it is not out of place for us to recognize the courtesy of Frank C. Davis who sends us Nos. 1 and 2 of this celebrated publication. Notwithstanding their forty-seven years of existence, the papers are remarkably well preserved and of much interest. Mr. Brown advertises two lists of postage stamps, the highest priced one being a St. Louis 10c black for $5. A Newfoundland 1860, 2p rose new is offered at 15c and others at proportionate prices. In No. 1, Mr. Brown announces the opening of his store at 28 John St. The managing editor made his first purchase of stamps from Mr. Brown in 1876 and anyone who calls at 65 Nassau St. will find him busy buying and selling.

THE STANDING MAY 26.

It has been several weeks since we have published the standing of the dealers in connection with securing new subscriptions to the WEEKLY. The work is moving on apace and good results are being secured. To the Edgewood Stamp Co. belongs the credit of securing 142 new subscribers to the WEEKLY since October 1. W. P. Colman and H. J. Schmidt hold second and third places respectively with creditable showings:—

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BERBER.—A town in the Sudan nearly 200 miles north of Khartoum having a population of over 10,000. The name of this town appears in microscopic capitals on the bale of merchandise on the Sudan stamps of the "Camel" type.

BERFORD & CO.'S EXPRESS.—A local post operating in California from San Francisco, but with its head office at New York. It was established in 1849 and four stamps, all of considerable rarity, were issued for the prepayment of the Company's charges. It was bought out by the Wells, Fargo Co. in June, 1854.

BERGEDORF.—A town in the German free state of Hamburg, having a population of over 10,000. Many centuries ago Bergedorf acquired considerable notoriety as the headquarters of a nest of pirates, and after these were dispersed by their more powerful neighbours, the burghers of Hamburg and Lubeck, it sank into such insignificance that it would probably not have been heard of again but for the fact that it issued a set of postage stamps in 1861. These were introduced by the postmaster, who was evidently a man of ideas, for the stamps differed in size according to their denomination. The stamps had but a short life, for in 1867 Hamburg obtained complete jurisdiction over the town and district of Bergedorf and its stamps were suppressed.

BERINDA, CHEVALIER.—The Austro-Hungarian Vice-Consul and Chief of the Austrian post-office in Candia, Crete, in 1898, who designed the crude label issued by the British military authorities in connection with the postal service established in the district of Candia in November, 1898.

BERMUDA.—The chief island of the Bermudas, or Somers Islands, a group situated in the west of the Atlantic Ocean and belonging to Great Britain. There are about 100 islands altogether but most of them are mere rocks and only 15 or 16 are inhabited. They obtain their name Bermudas from Bermudez, the Spanish discoverer, who sighted them in 1527. They were first colonised by Admiral Sir George Somers (hence their secondary name), who was shipwrecked here in 1609, while on his way to Virginia. The total area of the group is under 20 square miles, and its population is estimated at about 18,000. The nearest point of the mainland is Cape Hatteras, in North Carolina, 580 miles distant. Hamilton is the chief town and the seat of the government, which is administered by a Governor, who is also commander-in-chief of the military forces. He is advised by an Executive Council of six members appointed by the Crown. There is also a Legislative Council, composed of nine members appointed by the Crown; and a Representative House of Assembly, consisting of 36 members, four of whom are elected by each of the nine parishes. The first postage stamps for the Bermudas were issued on September 13th, 1865, though prior to this a stamp issued by Postmaster W. B. Perot, to facilitate the prepayment of postage, had appeared in 1848.

BERNADELLI, H.—An artist who designed the Brazilian stamp issued in 1906 to commemorate the Pan-American Congress; the stamp issued in 1908 to mark the centenary of the opening of Brazilian ports to foreign commerce; and the label issued in the same year to commemorate the Pan-American Medical Congress held at Rio de Janeiro.

BERRY, M.—An artist who designed the stamp issued by the Swiss Canton of Basle in 1845.

BERTHOLD, H.—An engraver and printer of Berlin who engraved the dies and manufactured the plates from which the 1902 stamps of Finland were printed.

BERTRAND.—The Bertrand stamp was a special 1c label issued by the republic of Honduras in February, 1916, to mark the accession of Francisco Bertrand to the presidency.

BESA.—The value in which two of the stamps issued by the Benadir Company were denoted. A besa was the fourth part of an anna and was equal to a half-cent in United States currency.

BESTELLGELD-FREI.—An inscription shown on the local envelopes issued for the Prussian State of Hanover. It means "Delivery Free" or "Post Free."

BEST, H. & C.—The proprietors of the "Courier" newspaper, Tasmania, who printed the first stamps for that colony from plates engraved locally, and also the later issues from the plates engraved by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.

BEY, NAZIM.—A Turkish artist who designed the stamps for the 1908 issue for Turkey.

BEYROUT (or Beirut).—A seaport on the Mediterranean, in Syria, Turkey-in-Asia. In ancient times it was known as Berytus and was a port of the Phoenicians. It came later under the power of Egypt, from whom it was taken by Antiochus the Great, and so became part of Syria. It was conquered for the Romans by Agrippa, and was made a military colony by Augustus, under the name of Colonia Julia Augusta Felix Berytus. During the Crusades it belonged alternately to the Saracens and to the Christians. In 1763 it fell into the power of the Turks; was conquered by Ibraham Pasha, son of Mahomet Ali, of Egypt, in 1831; and played an important part in the Oriental question in 1840, when it was bombarded on September 10th by the allied English, Austrian and Turkish fleets, until evacuated by the

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding new issues gratefully received. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give addresses of our correspondents.

UNITED STATES.—J. M. Bartels advises that the following new envelopes have been issued:

Issues 1915.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
1c	A	8	White	19	59
2c	B	8	White	19	59
2c	C	5	White	19	83
2c	C	8	White	19	59
5c	B	8	White	19	59
5c	B	8	Amber	19	59
2c	C	5	White	20	81
Issues 1916.					
2c	A	5	White	19	81
2c	A	8	White	19	59
2c	A	8	Amber	19	59
2c	A	8	Amber	19	91
2c	B	5	White	19	99
2c	E	5	Buff	19	87
2c	E	13	Amber	19	89
2c	A	3	Buff	20	92
2c	D	7	White	20	96
2c	E	5	White	20	87
2c	E	8	White	20	59

According to advice received from Eugene Tillen, Jr., the Official Seal is now in use printed on white paper, replacing the pink paper formerly in use.

(*Virgin Islands*).—Herman Focke gives us an interesting fact in connection with prices obtained for the 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 50 bit stamps of the January, 1917, issue. He writes that two sets were sold privately in New York recently at $26.00 and $35.00 respectively, "which is one instance of a phenominally rapid advance in the value of postage stamps; I was lucky enough to get one set unused and another one used on covers, for the paltry sum of $2.00, and I think chances are that we shall see $50.00 paid for a used set, since only a short dozen are said to exist in this condition."

BAHAMAS.—The 1d Red Cross announced for this Colony has at last been received. The 1d Queen's Staircase type, pale red and black, has been overprinted with the Genevan Cross and "1.1.17." in red. The stamp is very attractive, and promises to be a ready seller.

CANADA.—We have received from J. E. Cyril-Kitchin a 2c brown Canada war tax on the original cover, the same having done postal duty and being cancelled by a "Win the War" marking. This of course is accidental and carries with it no official sanction.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Herman Focke relates an experience in connection with the recent war stamp, small surcharge. He calls it a "stamp of fortune" and writes us as follows:—

"I sent one shilling to Georgetown and got a block of four of each surcharge. For the small type block I have already been offered $10 against an investment of 12c; that beats all "get-rich-quick" schemes ever heard of. That little group of islands has gained fame on other occasions, where the prices for a ½d stamp advanced to $7.50, a 1d to $10, and a 2½d to $25.00 in a short time."

CHINA.—We quote in extenso from a letter just at hand from Mr. Siddall dealing with the current special delivery or "express delivery" labels as they are called. Mr. Siddall does not attempt to describe the creation. The part sent us is the sender's receipt and is 2½ inches square, printed in green on white. The inscriptions are in both English and Chinese and "Express delivery, senders receipt" indicates the work of the label. We quote from the letter at hand:—

"The Chinese post office has adopted a new type for their receipts for express letters, which are listed in the "Standard" catalogue as special delivery stamps. The old type has a background of words in small type, repeated many times, but the new type is printed on plain paper; I send you the only part of these 'stamps' which can honestly be in the possession of the public, so you can see the new type. I might add that a short time since I was offered a book of 100 complete receipts, all unused, but on being questioned the party offering admitted that the book had been stolen from some Chinese post office, and further stated that he was afraid to offer it to another Chinaman, or to sell less than the entire book, and further stated that stealing the book was the only way to get it, inasmuch as the 'stamps' were never sold and there was a strict rule against letting them go out of the post office, except in the usual course of business, in which the last coupon (see inclosed sample) is given to the sender of the letter, the next two accompany the letter, one of them being signed by the recipient and the other I don't know just what becomes of it, and the stub remaining in the book with data as to address, etc., to be kept on record."

ITALY.—John H. Feeman is authority for the information that an aerial mail service between Rome and Turin was recently established. The distance between these two cities is 260 miles and the trip will take four hours. Special stamps costing 5c each are reported obtainable and it is presumed that this is a new issue which will be of interest to philatelists. A similar service will be inaugurated between Palermo and Naples and between Brindisi and Avlona.

MEXICO.—Herman Focke informs us that the 20c claret and 30c mauve "Famous Men" type are now being seen in the mails and a specimen of the 30c is submitted for our inspection. He also sends us the 3c brown which has been chronicled but only recently put into use.

MOZAMBIQUE.—From Champion's *Monthly Bulletin* we note that the new issue with change of currency has now been placed in use. The type is the same as the preceding issue but the values have been changed from reis to centavos. The set consists of the following values:—½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20 and 50 centavos.

RUSSIA.—*Offices in China.*—We are advised that the 3c surcharged on 3 kopecks has been found with surcharge inverted. For this information we are indebted to Theodore Siddall.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—*War Tax Postage*—This first issue is found to be a local overprint "WAR TAX" in black, in tall fancy capital letters, on full sheets of 120 stamps.

It was interesting to find two distinct shades of colour, different printings, amongst the sheets in the supply. The first is in *dull scarlet* on *thin* paper with yellowish gum, wmk. transparent; and the second in *deep red* on thick paper with dead white gum, wmk. opaque. Both differ to any other printings we have received in the 1d ordinary. The dull scarlet on thin paper apparently is much the scarcer, and probably only a few odd sheets, the remainder of a small intermediate supply. The deep red on thick paper seemingly is from the very latest printing sent out to the Colony.

For ordinary postage use, the 1d value is required in very large quantity, and it is expected a London overprinted issue may quickly follow this first local overprint.

April 2nd, 1917. War Tax Postage.
1st Local overprint WAR TAX *in black.*
1d dull scarlet, thin paper, yellowish gum, wmk. transparent.
1d deep red, thick paper, white gum, wmk. opaque.

—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

J. A. Galbraith has shown us copies of the above mentioned War Stamp, with "WAR TAX" in one line on thin transparent paper with the information that the supply was exhausted on May 4th and that on May 7th a new stamp was placed in use with the overprint in two lines. Simon Haas also writes us concerning the 2 line overprint.

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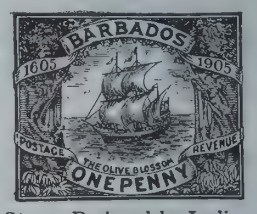
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LADIES AS STAMP DESIGNERS.

One of the prize-winners in the British Guiana contest was a lady, and this reminds us that ladies have shown up very well as stamp designers whenever there has been an open contest for stamp designs. I should not have been surprised if Lady Egerton had been to the fore with a better design than any of those submitted. Surely she, as a stamp collector, inspired her husband in his share in the designing—with Mr. Noel Trotter—of the 1904 emblematic stamp design for the Straits Settlements. Ladies do not appear to have



Stamp Designed by Ladies.

been successful in the J. P. S. "ideal" stamp competition, but two ladies secured several prizes in the New South Wales government contest in 1887, and one of them, Mrs. F. W. Stoddard, had the distinction of having her design used for the highest denomination in the N. S. W. centennial set in 1888. Another lady, Lady Gertrude Carter, the wife of the Governor of Barbados, exercised her amateur art to good effect in the design for the "Olive Blossom" stamp, issued in Barbados in 1906.—*Postage Stamp.*

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OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Watching and Waiting on the Border.—By Roger Batchelder. Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston and New York, publishers. It is not our custom to review other than philatelic books, but the one before us by Mr. Batchelder is of more than ordinary interest not only because of its timeliness but for the special reason that Mr. Batchelder was for two years a regular advertiser in the WEEKLY and made many friends among stamp collectors while dealing in stamps. It was only when called to the service in June, 1916, that he was compelled to relinquish his place in our columns.

Watching and Waiting on the Border is a book that is bound to interest even the most casual reader. It grips the attention immediately because of the easy conversational way in which it is written and the crisp manner in which the scenes incidental to the mobilizing of our troops on the border are described. Mr. Batchelder begins with the call to arms as sounded in Worcester, Mass., on Sunday evening, June 18, 1916, and continues with his experiences at Framingham, where he was "under canvas." The railroad trip to the border and the writer's experiences in camp carry the reader through to the end of the book. There are many illustrations throughout the book, the most interesting being a full page halftone of the author. Mr. Batchelder was a member of the Machine Gun Company 8th Mass. Regiment National Guard, and will probably see service on the French battlefield.

IN A CAGE.

I like to talk to her. Big, brown, intelligent eyes, great masses of dark hair, an expressive, full mouth, a great dimple in her chin, a high forehead, wherein will and determination shone—and freckled.

She sat all day long in the burnished brass cage in the little sub-post office in the drug store, tearing off stamps, gliding out postal cards, and answering questions that the Sphinx would put forth as riddles.

"Everything in this world," she said to me wearily one day during a lull, has become stamped. I dream stamps, I eat stamps, I think stamps.

"The sun is going through space at—dear me! how many thousands of miles a second? Well, I've forgotten. But it has, I'm sure, a thousand dollar stamp on it else it would never be permitted to go from the letter-box of Chaos, where it got its start, to the final Dead Letter Office; for [and she leaned over to me serio-comically and whispered] you know it is not addressed to any one—that big stamped yellow envelope?

"Then I look out of the windows when no one is buying things—look out into the street, and all the pedestrians' heads are stamps of varying values. Most of the faces that go by are really two cent stamps; and sometimes—very rarely—faces that are five cent, ten cent and twenty cent stamps. Once—once I saw the face of a being that was a fifty-cent stamp. It was a god, I'm sure. But he'll never come this way again."

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While most of the chapters allow the titles to express their nature there are certain chapters that need more than a casual reference:—

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Egyptians. Its modern growth dates from 1843. Several of the European powers have established Consular offices at this port, at which postal business is transacted. In 1905 a provisional 1 piastre stamp was issued by the French office, owing to a temporary shortage of labels of this value. This was formed by surcharging the 15c stamp of French Levant with "1 Piastre—Beyrouth" in two lines.

BEYROUTH.—The French form for Beyrout as shown upon the provisional stamps issued by the French Consular office in 1905, and also upon the Russian stamps issued there in 1910.

B. G.—I. These letters were overprinted on certain South Australian stamps used between 1868 and 1874 and signify "Botanical Garden." They were used on the correspondence of the officials connected with this public institution and were in 1874 superseded by the general official issue overprinted with the letters "O.S."

II. These letters appear on the 9c Newspaper stamps of Modena issued in 1853. They stand for "Bollo Gazzette," i. e., Stamp for Journal.

BHOPAL.—One of the Feudatory States of Central India, having an area of 6,874 square miles and a population of about one million. The Bhopal dynasty was founded at the beginning of the 18th century by Dost Mohammed, an Afghan in the service of Aurungzebe. It is one of the principal Mohammedan states in India and is now, for the fourth generation, under female rule. Postage stamps for use in this State were first issued in 1877.

BHOR.—A Feudatory State in the Bombay Presidency of India. It has a total area of 1491 square miles and a population of about 140,000. Postage stamps were issued in 1879, but these have been obsolete for some years past.

BHNEIPOE.—A surcharge applied to many of the stamps of the Greek occupation issue of 1913, which were intended for use in Northern Epirus.

BI-COLORED.—Bi-colored stamps are, of course, those printed in two different colors. As a rule the centrepiece is in one color and the surrounding border in another. In some cases, however, where stock plates are in use like those so extensively employed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in the production of British Colonial stamps, the main portion of the design is in one color and the name of the country and value in another. Bi-color printing naturally necessitates the use of two plates. The plate from which the portion of the design denoting the value is printed is known as the "duty-plate," while the other plate is known as the "head-plate."

BIKANIR.—A Feudatory State of Rajputana, India, having an area of 23,311 square miles and a population of over half a million. The greater part of the State is a dreary, waterless plain. Some years ago Scott's catalogue listed a number of postage stamps alleged to have been in use in this State but in 1898 it was conclusively proved that some of these were merely essays prepared about 1883 for the then Maharajah, Sirdar Singh, who intended to introduce a postal system, while the others were fiscal labels.

BISCAYA.—One of the Basque provinces of Spain more usually known locally as Vizcaya. It is a mountainous region on the Bay of Biscay with an area of 836 square miles and a population estimated at 312,000. It was one of the provinces in which the Carlists were numerically strong and during the rising of 1873 it used special stamps bearing the portrait of Don Carlos. The stamps were suppressed in 1876 when the Carlists met with a decisive defeat.

BI-SECTED.—A philatelic term applied to a certain class of provisional or "emergency" stamps. These are stamps cut into halves or smaller pieces, each portion of which then has franking power as a separate stamp. They may be separated diagonally, vertically, or horizontally, and, more often than not, the bi-sected portions are overprinted with the value for which they are intended to pay postage. As an instance of a bi-sected provisional without surcharge, we may mention that for a period of about 25 years halves of the 10c postage due stamps of Belgium did duty as 5c labels. Various British Colonies—Barbados, Falkland Is., Niger Coast and Grenada, to mention a few—have issued bi-sected stamps with the halves surcharged with the value for which they had franking power.

BIT.—I. One of the values of the new currency introduced into the Danish West Indies in 1905. A hundred bits are equal to a franc, which has a nominal value of 20c in United States currency.

II. A "bit" is one of the small wire or brass devices attached to the dandy-roll for making the watermarks in paper. (See also WATERMARK.)

BLADES, EAST & BLADES.—A well-known London firm of printers, who produced the early stamps for use in the territory administered by the British North Borneo Company.

B. L. C. I.—These letters appear on many of the stamps of Bhopal, one being placed in each of the four corners of the design. "B L" are the first and last letters of "Bhopal," while "C I" stand for "Central India."

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BLANC, JOSEPH.—A French painter born at Paris in 1846. His work was chiefly that of a decorative artist, as is shown by the design for the 1c to 5c stamps of France issued in 1900, which was drawn by him. The same design was also used for the key-plate for the lower value stamps issued for the various French Consular Offices. M. Blanc died in 1904.

BLUED PAPER.—This, from a philatelic point of view, is paper which has not been intentionally colored but which has turned more or less blue, owing to one of the ingredients of the printing ink running into the paper, which was originally white. Examples of this "blueing" may be found in many of the stamps for Great Britain and its Colonies printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., from line-engraved plates.

BLUEFIELDS.—A town in the republic of Nicaragua at which all the stamps used since 1904 have been overprinted in some distinctive manner before being placed on sale. The stamps were so marked owing to the fact that the local currency was based on silver and was worth about 42c to the peso, whereas in other places in the republic paper currency worth only about 25c per peso was in general use. (See also "B".)

BLUE SAFETY PAPER.—A paper employed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. in the manufacture of the 4d stamps of Great Britain of 1855 and certain fiscals. This paper had prussiate of potash in it, this salt added as a preventative against illicit cleaning. This paper is characterised by its bluish tint, varying in intensity, but it appears that the blueness was quite unintentional and it was attributed by the manufacturers of the stamps to the presence of small particles of iron in the pulp which ought not to have existed therein.

BLUISH RAG PAPER.—(See Experimental Paper.)

B. M.—An overprint found on some of the early stamps of South Australia, which signified "Board of Magistrates." These special stamps were in use between 1868 and 1874, when they were replaced by the general series for departmental use overprinted with the letters "O. S."

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—An overprint shown on certain British stamps of 1887-1902 intended for use on the official correspondence emanating from the Board of Education. The first of these stamps was issued on Feb. 19th, 1902, and they were finally withdrawn from use with all other British Official stamps on May 12th, 1904.

BOCK, R.—An artist of Wellington, New Zealand, who designed the 2d, 3d, 9d and 1sh stamps of the pictorial issue of 1898 issued in that Colony.

BOGOTA.—The capital of the republic of Colombia in the department of Cundinamarca. It has a population of about 130,000 and contains the palace of San Carlos, at which the President of the republic resides. The town was founded in 1538 by Quesada under the name of Santa Fé after the camp of Ferdinand and Isabella before Granada. Then the name was changed to Santa Fe de Bogota, and since 1819 it has been known simply as Bogota. In 1889 special local stamps were issued for use within the precincts of the city, these being inscribed "Correo Urbano de Bogota."

BOGUS.—A term applied to a class of philatelic frauds which may be said to include; (a) Those "stamps" issued by private individuals, with the object of deceiving stamp collectors, which purport to be legitimate issues of some country which probably only existed in the fertile imagination of the person responsible for them; and (b) Imitations of some genuine stamp or other in a color, or with a value and inscription, quite different from those actually used.

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BOKHARA.—The khanate of Bokhara is a vassal state of Russia, in Central Asia, with an area of 80,000 square miles and a population estimated at about 1,250,000. The khanate is bordered on the north, east and west by Russian provinces, and on the south by Afghanistan. In 1887 two crudely produced labels, with inscriptions in Oriental characters, were reported as having been issued for Bokhara. Later another value was reported and though for a time these labels were accepted as a genuine postal emission, further investigation showed they were bogus, had probably never been near Bokhara, and were simply issued by a speculator with the idea of making money out of stamp collectors. Apparently the only stamps ever used in the khanate are those of Russia.

BOLETIN MERCANTIL DE PUERTO RICO.—(Commercial Bulletin of Porto Rico.) The 3c stamp issued at Porto Rico on Nov. 19th, 1893, to commemorate the discovery of America was lithographed at the office of the Commercial Bulletin of that then Spanish Colony.

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CHAPTER XVIII.—*Designs.*

All of the second issue proprietary set have the frame printed in green and bear the portrait of Washington in black in an oval. On the 3c to 10c, "U. S. Inter. Rev." appears at the top and "Proprietary" at the bottom and the designs are very similar to the corresponding values of the documentaries. Each proprietary stamp, however, has only one numeral of value, and except on the 5c the numeral is placed in a different position from the same value of the documentary set. The same lathework background and style of scroll work ornamentation is found on both sets. The 1c and 2c Proprietary are quite different from the 1c and 2c Documentary. The 1c Proprietary has a numeral in each upper corner and a shield in each lower corner and the 2c Proprietary has numerals in the lower part of the frame and shields in the upper part.

The 50c and $1 stamps are somewhat larger than the $200 Documentary and measure about 38 by 75 mm. On the 50c the numerals are in the upper corners and there is an "L" in each lower corner. The dollar stamps has "$1.00" above and below the medallion. The $5 Proprietary is the same height as the $500 Documentary—100 mm., and is 61 mm. wide or 9 mm. wider than the latter. Its size is equivalent to a block of twelve ordinary postage stamps, three wide by four high, and the ordinary office boy would have his hands—and mouth—full to lick it and stick it all by himself. So far as the writer knows it was never used to pay the proprietary tax on mustard or other varieties of adhesive plasters, but it could quite easily have been mistaken for a plaster, and if so employed no doubt it would have given satisfaction. A single copy has been known to draw over $300 from a collector's bank account quite painlessly.

There is little doubt that the 50c and $1 Proprietary were printed by two impressions and all the $5 Proprietary certainly were so printed. An examination of the two circles containing the numerals of value on the $5 stamp shows that the fine *vertical* lines of the background are green and are part of the frame of the stamp, while the "$5" and the *horizontally* lined background in each circle is in black and is always in the same relative register as the portrait. This stamp, therefore, must have been printed by two impressions from two separate plates, one of which contained the frames and the vertically lined background in the circles and the other of which bore the portraits, the numerals of value and the horizontally lined background around the latter.

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CHAPTER XIX.—*Shades.*

There are several beautiful shades on the lower values of this series, but the higher values vary only slightly. So many of the stamps do not have legible dated cancellations, it is rather difficult to determine just when the different shades were in use. The first shade used was certainly the yellow green and it was probably replaced by the blue green for a while during the time the 10c stamp on violet was issued, since the 10c on violet paper is not known in yellow green. The blue green varies from medium to a very dark blackish green, which is rare, if it exists at all, on the private die stamps printed in 1873-75, and is not found on the green paper. Most of the stamps on green paper are printed in a yellowish green tint. The Boston Book lists all the values up to the 10c in blue green on both chameleon (violet) and green paper except the 5c, which is not listed in blue green on green paper.

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Bureau of Internal Revenue was 336,082. Presumably they were all on green paper as the violet paper had been discontinued some months previously. This balance not being exhausted before the adoption of the new design in 1881, neither the Bank Note Co. nor the Bureau of Engraving and Printing ever printed any stamps from this plate. The result of this fact was that orders for this stamp received after August 31, 1875, were filled directly from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, whose records, unfortunately, have been destroyed. This makes it impossible for us to state how many were issued upon the green paper." The date of first issue of the 10c is given as July, 1873, that of last issue, 1881, and the total number issued on *violet* paper, 2,060. On the succeeding pages the following data in re the higher values is given:—

50c

First issued,	Dec. 19, 1873
Last issued,	Aug., 1875
Number issued on violet paper,	409
Number issued on green paper,	247
Balance turned over to Bureau,	70,249

$1.00

First issued,	Dec. 20, 1873
Last issued,	Aug., 1875
Number issued on violet paper,	340
Number issued on green paper,	288
Balance turned over to Bureau,	77,208

$5.00

First issued,	Dec. 20, 1873
Last issued,	July, 1875
Number issued on violet paper,	74
Number issued on green paper,	50
Balance turned over to Bureau,	39,458

According to this the total numbers of these stamps issued was:

50c	656
$1.00	628
$5.00	124

These figures have been generally accepted without serious question for seventeen years, yet they contain only just enough truth to be entirely misleading. The quantities of 50c, $1 and $5 Proprietary stamps stated to have been issued are no doubt correct up to August 31, 1875, when they were last issued by Mr. Carpenter. The reader, however, naturally understands "last issued" to mean issued *for the last time,* and these stamps most certainly were not issued for the last time in August, 1875—not by about eight years! The truth of the matter is that the Bureau of Internal Revenue issued them for several years, just as it did the 10c and although some records of the Bureau may have been destroyed, there are records in existence today showing that the Bureau filled orders for 50c, $1.00 and $5.00 Proprietaries every year from 1876 to 1883, and in many a twelve-month there were more issued than the totals given in the Boston Book.

1871-75 Proprietary.

CHAPTER XXI.—*Famous High Values.*

These government records indicate the total numbers issued to have been:

50c	34,315
$1.00	6,585
$5.00	2,109

There is abundant evidence of the use of these stamps after August, 1875, much more evidence than there is of their use before that date. The great majority of them bear cancellations dated from 1876 to 1883, which in itself is sufficient proof of the time when most of them were used; since there is no conceivable reason why stamps used as these were should have cancellations dated ahead from one to eight years. Many of the lot of 37 $5 Proprietary on violet paper which turned up about 15 years ago were cancelled '79 and it is known they were used during that year. If the total number issued on violet paper had been only 74 copies this find would have included at least half of all the violet paper $5 stamps in existence! The commonest cancellation on the 50c stamp is that of Starkey & Palen of Philadelphia. This is printed or hand-stamped in five lines arranged as follows:

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It is impossible to state how many of the 50c, $1.00 and $5 were printed or issued on each variety of paper. The $5 on green paper is five to ten times as rare as on violet, and the $1 on green is certainly a much scarcer stamp than the $5 on violet. The green paper was in use less than a year on the low values. The comparatively large quantity of high values printed indicates that a much more extensive use of them was anticipated than was realized. Mr. Carpenter's letters bear this out and his letter of February 24, 1875, ordering that no more high values be printed, except that those already partially printed (i. e., frames only), should be completed, shows the green paper was used on the high values for not over five months. Quite likely the high value remainders turned over to the Bureau on the expiration of his contract August 31, 1875, were mostly on violet paper.

Most of the 336,082 black and green 10c were used up before the blue 10c appeared on October 21, 1881. The quantity of green 10c still on hand October 1, 1881, was about 40,000, so the total issue could not have been much less than 300,000. The records indicate about 14,000 ten cent were issued in October, November and December, 1881, and if the Boston Book is correct in stating the 10c green and black was last issued in 1881, the stamps issued in these three months must have been nearly all green, and of the 85,000 blue 10c of 1881 printed, about 82,000 must have been issued.

For reasons which will appear later the writer believes the Boston Book is not correct in regard to the 10c stamp and that practically all of the 10c green and black were issued. In view of the scarcity of the 10c on violet paper it is reasonable to assume that nearly all the 336,082 on hand August 31, 1875, were on green paper. For five years the 10c denomination for proprietary was almost entirely out of use. Less than 5,000 were issued in 1870 and none in 1871, or in the year ending June 30, 1872. The 10c black and green was first ordered in July, 1872, the order calling for 1700 stamps. Up to June 30, 1874, 1360 more were ordered. As the green paper did not come into regular use until about October 1, 1874, these orders could have been filled only with stamps on violet paper. The total of these orders, 3060, is just 1000 more than the number the Boston Book states was issued. During the year ending June 30, 1875, only eight ten cent stamps were ordered and none were ordered in the following fiscal year. Evidently only a very limited number were printed on violet paper. From 1876 on 15,000 to 72,000 of the 10c stamps were issued each year.

(To be continued.)

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GERMANY—AFTER THE WAR.

When reviewing Stanley Gibbons' catalogue of foreign countries in last month's number, we made some reference to business with Germany after the war, but certain action taken by the Philatelic Society of Victoria at their last meeting, compels us to make a further reference to this subject.

The paragraph in the "introduction" to the catalogue which is headed "No future business with Germany" reads as follows:—"The question has been asked on many occasions as to what position this firm intends to take up in relation to business with Germans after the war is over. The matter has been carefully considered, and the Directors have decided that they will not, knowingly, either sell to or buy from any Germans, except such as have been naturalised by this country before the war began.

"No decision has been come to as regards Austrians or enemies of other nationalities, and our position in regard to them will be settled when the war is over."

When the subject was brought before the members of the Sydney Philatelic Club, by means of a letter from a Secretary of the V. P. S., the opinion was expressed then that it was premature to decide what steps should be taken after the war was over until a "lead" had been established by the premier society, rather than by the premier firm of stamp dealers.

No one will deny that the Directors of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons have a perfect right to decide as to what they will or will not do in the future, and while the paragraph above quoted reads very well, there is a flaw in it which gives that firm an easy way out. They say that they will not "knowingly" either sell to or buy from any Germans The word "knowingly" in this instance is pregnant with meaning, for we are sure that in some instances Messrs. Gibbons will not worry as to whether the person to whom they are selling stamps is a German or not. They may not deliberately do business with German dealers or collectors resident in Germany, but beyond that it would be exceedingly difficult for them to draw the line.

While a decision to taboo handling any stamps of Germany or her Allies issued *since* war was declared is quite commendable, we still fail to see why political events since August 4th, 1914, should be allowed to interefere in regard to the collection of the stamps of Germany and the German States and colonies prior to that date.

It would be absurd for collectors to carry their antipathy so far as to induce them to tear all the German stamps out of their albums and destroy them, for this would be a natural corollary to the suggested procedure, and if Messrs. Gibbons wanted to carry their convictions to a logical conclusion they should burn all their stock of these stamps, and eliminate them from their catalogue. But they will do nothing of the sort, and we venture to doubt that very few collectors, if any at all, would do so. Consequently, we think that before Messrs. Gibbons' decision can be accepted as final it will require a considerable explanation. For instance, what attitude would our friends take up if they were offered some stamps by someone who was not a German, but had purchased the stamps from Germans? They would probably buy them and by doing so they would be keeping quite within the letter of their decision, if not within the spirit of it. Similarly, they will in all probability sell plenty of stamps to people who are not Germans, but knowing full well that those people intended to sell them to Germans.

Had the Directors of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., publicly burnt their stock of all German, German States and German colonial stamps and declared that henceforth and forevermore they would neither buy nor sell them, then we would have believed in the sincerity of their announcement; but at the present time we are sceptical regarding it, and we think that any hasty decision in regard to this subject in the direction of supporting the announcement above referred to is to be deprecated.

We have written as above with the friendliest feelings towards the members of the Victorian Philatelic Society, with all of whom we are on very good terms. It is not necessary nowadays for people like themselves and ourselves to carry our loyalty and patriotism on our sleeves. We have proved it and we have justified it. As to what action should be taken in the future, time alone will tell.—*Aust. Stamp Journal.*

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Mr. Franz Reichenheim writes: "Scarcity of paper and difficulty in manufacturing paper of the usual good quality has become more apparent in the newly printed lots of the most frequently required values. I have lately received blocks of the current 2c, 5c, 20c, 25c, and 30c printed on very thin paper, and of the 15c (in all probability the most required value since the postage of inland letters have been raised from 10c to 15c) printed on paper of much inferior quality. These latter sheets, apparently printed within the last two months, are marked at the top and bottom on the margin with large block letters G C in the colour of the stamps, standing for Grande Consommation (Great Consumption), and an order has been published that sheets so marked should be issued at once to the post offices and placed on sale by the latter in preference to the older sheets printed on the usual paper.

"The postage for inland letters was raised from 10c to 15c on and after January 1st, 1917, by a law dated December 30th, 1916. In consequence of the short time between the promulgation of the law and the date of its coming into force the postmasters were instructed by telegram on December 31st, confirmed by a circular, to impose a tax of 5c, only instead of double the deficiency (10c) on letters franked with 10c and arriving at the distributing post-offices before January 16th. On the same day, January 1st, another order was issued to the provincial postmasters to use in place of unpaid letter stamps of 5c the ordinary postage stamps of 5c cancelled with the cachet T in a triangle in case the stock of Unpaid Letter stamps of that value should prove insufficient. Although the postage stamps of 5c only were authorized for use as Unpaid Letter stamps, the 1c, 2c, and 3c, were also similarly used at some provincial post-offices between the 1st and 15th."—*London Philatelist.*

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EDITORIAL.

Bits—We thank those of our readers who have shown us sheets, blocks and singles of the error. We were particularly impressed by a used copy that was received by a mail-order house and which reached a dealer's hands. Mr. John E. Lord writes: "Your article referring to plate No 7942 with the five cent error says that all sheets have the marginal initials of 'J. H. K.' I found a number of sheets with this plate number but they were all the lower left hand pane and the marginal initials are 'W. McA.' I still have the lower corner of one of the sheets and plate number with the above initials." The correspondent quoted previously intended to say that the error panes were the ones that bore the marginal initials, "J. H. K." One thing we can say with assurance, and that is that some of the big offices did return large quantities of the errors and the inference is that as the error sheets are taken from stock, they will be returned to Washington, likewise. We are well satisfied that we have said nothing about prices, even allowing readers to draw their own deductions. We have a letter where a price of five thousand dollars is placed on a sheet! Then, the pendulum has swung to the other extreme. An hourly bulletin would be needed to keep current with the "bid" and "asked" prices of the errors.

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Convention—Through the kindness of Mr. J. Eustace Guest we are enabled to speak of plans for entertainment of delegates to the Southern Philatelic Association at Minneapolis this summer. The headquarters will be at the Hotel Dyckman where the sessions of the convention will be held. Several trips to lake resorts will be features of the social side of the meeting. There will be a "bourse" night and visitors are enjoined to bring stamps for exhibition, sale or exchange as it is rightly calculated that there is nothing dearer to the heart of the genuine collector than a swapping-bee. Mr. S. L. Sholley will be the director of the official program and a copy will be mailed each member about July 15th. We may add that Mr. Guest has no opponent as a candidate for re-election as sales superintendent because, we infer, he has so capably filled the position for a number of terms.

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Oldest—Our oldest national society, the American Philatelic Society has issued its membership list which includes the report of William R. Ricketts, Chairman of the philatelic literature committee for the seventeenth and eighteenth years. This most excellent list is in two parts, "separate works" and "periodical," respectively and embraces all publications published up to the first of this year, so that 1915 and 1916 are thoroughly covered. The official journal easily has justified its existence under Mr. Ault's guidance.

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Great—In Chicago there is one of the greatest collectors of philatelic literature in the world, in the person of Mr. Howland Speakman; and his eminence is founded on the solid foundation of fact,—the possession of the rarest gems of the printed records of philately. Mr. Speakman, however, is not an omniverous collector in the field of literature. In reality, he is a specialist as he restricts his collecting range to the publications issued before 1870, when, broadly speaking, philately was in its swaddling clothes. It is our surmise that Mr. Speakman's collection is one of the greatest in existence, so far as its somewhat limited field is concerned; and we give him our homage as we can appreciate the little thrill that is felt upon contemplating a rare philatelic first edition. To anyone who is partial to the art preservative, early stamp works are of interest and this feeling is greatly intensified when the student is a stamp collector. In passing, it is to be said that Mr. Speakman is in the publishing business. Mr. Speakman's library is better known in the select circles abroad than in America, in consequence of the closer attention given in normal times to philatelic literature in England and on the continent. Mr.Speakman's possessions are known to a few collectors in this country who yield to the fascinations of the earlier literature particularly, but it is really unsung here. It is good to know that we have within our borders what practically is a most authoritative collection of the printed annals of stamp collecting published up to 1870. In the past we have been indebted to Mr. Speakman for information on his chosen subject and we mention his library at this time merely to place on record the claim that here is this rich reliquary. For many years, Mr. Speakman has been one of the leading collectors of Chicago and recently he disposed of one of the best collections of twentieth century stamps ever assembled. Mr. Speakman has promised us that some day he will give us some of the outstanding particulars of his library but as it is, it is our own loss that we have not taken occasion thus far to browse among the books on the shelves of his library.

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Lallier—Mr. R. B. Field of Jericho, Vt., writes: "I read with interest your editorials in relation to the Lallier Album. I have the 1869 edition, 'Justin Henri Lallier, Paris, 1869 edition,' and in the advertisement we read: 'The favorable reception which the public gave to the preceding editions of our Postage Stamp Album has induced us to recast the whole work which we had previously been prevented from doing by circumstances beyond our control,' and also: 'We owe our best thanks to M. Maury for his kind aid in revising this new edition of the album.' The album has a red embossed cover with brass clasp, 335 pages and maps 'After the Latest Authorities of North and South America, 1866.' Twenty-eight pages are allotted to the United States many of them to 'Private Offices.' Most of one page of Prussia is devoted to a War Envelope, 6 by 4½ inches in size, 'For sending letters free to soldiers in campaign.' No stamps are listed later than 1866."

Explained—In a recent issue of the *Philatelic Gazette*, there was a list of plates of U. S. stamps and in the compilation, Nos. 7917, 7918 and 7960 were each assigned 153 subjects. These figures were confusing even to the student of booklet panes, which consist of six stamps each. In the *American Philatelist*, Mr. Geo. H. Beans, with the assistance of Mr. Klemann, editor of the *Philatelic Gazette* explains the inconsistency. Two plates of 153 stamps each "form a cylinder such as is used on the Bureau's rotary press and will print, of course, 306 stamps. This means 51 leaves and explains the mystery!" It was Mr. H. N. Mudge who many years ago called attention in the WEEKLY by his diagrams of the sheet arrangement of the booklet stamps; and so, it is seen that there is no dearth of material for the specialist in booklet panes.

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Pleasant—Make way for the dealers. A reader sends us a gladsome variation from the usual theme: "A dealer sent me some of my wants and one of the stamps was so palpably underpriced by mistake that I could not conscientiously buy it at his 'own price.' I returned the stamp saying that I wanted it at the corrected price and the stamp came back. Accompanying it was a clever note in which it was insisted that by all means I should take the stamp at the reduced price, and the suggestion was delicately conveyed that virtue should be rewarded even if its raiment wasn't rags. The difference meant several dollars. So cleverly was the situation handled that I became the owner of the bargain and a friend of the dealer for life."

COMMEMORATIVE SET FOR CANADA.

A subscriber at Watervliet, Mich., sends us a clipping from the Montreal *Daily Mail* dated Saturday, May 26, in which it is definitely stated that there will be a special issue of postage stamps for the semi-centennial of the Confederation. The celebration at Ottawa will include the dedication of a memorial tablet by the Governor-General and each of the provincial governments will be requested to hold a celebration in its capital city. No detailed information is at hand as regards the denominations or designs.

NEW ISSUE NOTES.

Apropos of the proposal to issue a new series of postage stamps for the Kingdom of Italy, Signor E. Lena, in the course of a somewhat flamboyant letter to *Il Bollettino Filatelico*, suggests that the time is ripe for the preparation of a set which will be worthy of the glorious history of the country and its wealth of artistic associations. Our Austrian enemies have issued stamps bearing representations of cannon, aeroplanes, and a battleship; and even Belgium, though that poor country lies devastated, has given us stamps commemorating part of her young history. Artists are there in plenty in Italy, and we must say we heartily sympathize with the sentiments of Signor Lena.

Examples of the label issued to commemorate the centenary of the Revolution of Pernambuco, Brazil, have now arrived, and are described by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* as among the most commonplace and poorest in execution in our albums. They are oblong in *format*, the central part of the design representing the Revolutionary flag, with "BRAZIL" at the top and "CORREIO" at foot. On either side are columns on which are inscribed, scroll-wise, the words "CENTENARIO DA REVOLUCAO REPUBLICANA EM PERNAMBUCO —BANDEIRA DA REPUBLICA DE 6 DE MARCO DE 1817."

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have shown us a copy of the 20c on 2a provisional, Italian Somaliland, chronicled on page 283 of our previous volume. The surcharge is in black, the letter "C" appearing over the original figure of value in the lower left-hand tablet, and the new denomination is overprinted on the lower right-hand tablet. The word "ANNA" is deleted by a wavy line 8 mm. long, also in black.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

MOUNTING ORIGINAL COVERS.

By EARL E. BOYD.

(This article is interesting because of the field that it covers, but it is the more wonderful when one considers the circumstances under which it was written. Our readers have previously been introduced to Mr. Boyd. He is the one to whom we referred some two years ago in connection with the loss of both of his lower limbs some years previously and his almost helpless condition. Since then he has become an inmate of the Sisters' Hospital at Watertown, N. Y. He can do but little writing and his stamp collection, with some reading, form his only recreations.—Ed.)

The mounting of "original covers" is a subject that has been discussed at considerable length. Only recently I noticed in this paper a request for information upon this subject.

In mounting my covers, I use a loose leaf binder of the ring variety of large size. These can be purchased at any book store at 30 cents each up, depending on what size and style of binding you get. There are two good binders on the market, which are well adapted for this purpose, known as the I. P. Students Note Book and Columbia Loose Leaf Book. The latter is much the better both in appearance and binding, and only a little more expensive. Both come with half inch and one inch rings. The latter is of course the better as it will hold twice as many covers.

The only other thing needed besides the binder, is a lot of wire paper clips, such as are used to hold two sheets of paper together by slipping them over the edges. The kind I use are of the most common variety I think, which are about one inch and a quarter long and quarter of an inch wide and rounded at both ends. They come in two sizes, either of which will answer the purpose for which they are intended, as long as they fit the rings of your binder loosely.

The actual mounting of the covers is really so simple that it seems strange to me that someone has not thought of it long before this and given it publicity.

Taking one of your covers you do just as you would if it were an ordinary sheet of paper, which belonged in the binder and has holes punched in one side to correspond and fit the rings, only instead of punching holes in your cover you simply slip a couple of the wire paper clips on the end of the cover where the holes would naturally come to correspond with the rings, but leaving the ends of the clips project out from the cover about a quarter of an inch, so as to form a loop. You have only to open the rings of your binder and insert these loops, close the rings and your cover is mounted.

After you have mounted as many covers as your binder will hold, you can turn them over just as you would turn the pages of a book or the pages of your album, and you can look at the back of your cover as easily as you can the front with no danger of tearing or disarranging it, as would be the case if it were mounted with hinges. I claim this to be one of the strongest points in favor of this method of mounting, to say nothing of the doing away entirely of hinges, which has always been one of the disadvantages in other ways of mounting. Then again, you can keep your covers as well arranged and in order, as the stamps in your loose leaf album.

There are several little details which you can work out and improve upon to suit yourself such as, for instance, some may prefer to mount all of their covers of small size in a small sized binder, and all large sized covers in a large binder, which as I stated before can be purchased in various sizes, nearly a dozen in fact, and with half or one inch rings.

There is another way of mounting covers on this same principle. Instead of mounting or inserting the loops of the clips directly on the rings, have some long, narrow strips of thin cardboard with holes punched in them to correspond with the rings and to put these on the rings first and then connect your covers and these cardboard strips together by the clips. In this way you can by using a large sized binder, mount two covers, one above the other.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—J. D. Hubel uses as an advertising label with which to seal his mail the current 1c stamp surcharged in red in four lines, "Do your bit. J. D. H."

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from O. H. Sampson, L. L. Huber, Matt Simuvich, C. M. Breder and Israel Prager.

—L. Meister reports that he has had unsatisfactory dealings with Louis Lazos, whose trickery is exploited elsewhere in this issue of the WEEKLY. Lazos gave Mr. Meister his A. P. S., S. P. A. and M. P. S. membership numbers for references.

—M. O. Chance, Postmaster at Washington, informs F. M. Mason of Providence, R. I., that in the future "stamps furnished on orders must be accepted, as exchanges cannot be made." The dealer will do well to make a note of this item.

—If unable to take out a money-order for the amount of your subscription, remit in stamps of the 4c, 12c, 15c, 20c or 30c denominations. Make a note of this.

PHILA. BRANCH A. P. S. NOMINATIONS.

Alfred F. Henkels, Secretary of the Philadelphia Branch No. 18, A. P. S., informs us that at a regular meeting held Friday evening, June 1, the following nominations for officers of the A. P. S. for 1918 were made:

For president, J. W. Scott of New York City, N. Y.; for board of vice presidents: F. S. Parmelee, H. A. Whipple and Dr. W. P. Wherry of Omaha, Nebr.; for secretary: Dr. H. A. Davis of Colorado Springs, Colo.; for treasurer: J. E. Scott of Detroit, Mich.; for international secretary, L. Harald Kjellstedt, Scranton, Pa.; for directors at large: H. N. Mudge of Chicago, Ill., and H. B. Phillips of Berkeley, Calif.

A motion was unanimously carried endorsing P. M. Wolsieffer, the present Sales Superintendent, for reappointment for that important office.

WANTED—LOUIS LAZOS.

We want to locate Louis Lazos.

Giving references A. P. S. 3759 and S. P. A. 1918 he has apparently victimized a number of dealers. In March, while at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Las Animas, Colo., he solicited various approval selections and in response to complaints filed with us we wrote the hospital authorities and received the following information from Geo. H. Barber, medical director:

"Louis Lazos was a patient at this hospital; some time ago he was granted leave from which he has not returned and we have no knowledge as to his present whereabouts. It seems that a number of stamp dealers have had unfortunate business relations with this man. In case I should find out where Lazos is located, I would be pleased to advise you."

Dr. Barber may secure the necessary information and we should advise dealers having claims to write him and request the fullest information available. H. R. Hendricks, Waxahachie, Tex., sent him an approval selection net $37, and Mrs. W. H. Maine, Dubuque, Ia., one cataloged $75.

In writing us concerning Lazos, H. R. Stiles, 366 McClellan St., Schenectady, N. Y., admits that he has been severely stung. He would like to get into communication with others who have had unsatisfactory dealings and from time to time we shall report Mr. Stiles' findings and give him such space as he may need. In a matter of this kind one of the interested parties should handle the case and Mr. Stiles volunteers his services.

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5c	rose lilac, No. 152, used or un'd	.07
8c	brown, No. 153, used or unused	.12
10c	blue, No. 154, used	.07
10c	blue, No. 154, unused	.14
16c	olive green, No. 155, used or un'd	.25
20c	carmine, No. 156, unused	.25
20c	carmine, No. 156, used	.18
50c	green, No. 157, used	.45
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A New Chronicle Editor.

Through force of circumstances, Mr. Milton P. Lyons, Jr., who has been serving as editor of the Chronicle, found it necessary to tender his resignation. We have secured, to edit this department, Mr. Percy McG. Mann, who is well and favorably known to a large number of our subscribers. Mr. Mann formerly published a successful weekly stamp paper at Philadelphia and is now publishing *Mann's Stamp Magazine*. He is extremely well qualified for the post of Chronicle editor and we feel sure that under his management the department will prosper. We publicly express our thanks to Mr. Lyons for his services.

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UNITED STATES.—(1378)—The "News Gleanings" column of May 26th contained a reference to the 10c Special Delivery stamp on which the horizontal line along the top was partially missing. Scott's No. 897 was chronicled some years ago, with the top line of the stamp missing. This came from plate No. 5514, on which each stamp, or most of them, in the plate, showed the variety. Enquiry brought from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing the fact that the designs were laid down on the plate from a transfer roll which was considerably worn. Similar varieties may have occurred on earlier or (and) later plates.

(1378)—According to word from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 49,563 sheets of 400 stamps each were printed from plate No. 7942 containing two errors, "5c" in the upper left pane of 100 and one error "5c" in the lower right pane. First printings from this plate were made on March 7th, 1917, and the plate was "cancelled" on May 2nd. They were perforated 10, also 11, and may possibly come with compound perf. 10x11 or 11x10, or both, also imperf.

Collectors are advised to be on the watch for any or all of the values of the current stamps with compound perfs. 10x11 or 11x10, because machines using, separately, both gauges are in concurrent use at the Bureau, and sheets may be perforated vertically by a machine gauging 11 and then perforated horizontally by a machine gauging 10, or vice versa, vertically 10 and horizontally 11.

Dr. A. P. Lee has shown us the Special Delivery 10c unwatermarked, perf. 11.

Special Delivery, Unwmkd., Perf. 11.
10 cents light blue.

(1370)—Mr. Paul Dillingham shows us the Officially Sealed post office label in back on white paper instead of pink paper. The paper is of the same quality, and the perforation and the gum are the same as No. 768. We chronicled this last week.

AUSTRALIA.—According to *The Postage Stamp* the 10sh in pink and pale gray has appeared printed on the narrow crown over A watermarked paper.

Adhesive, Narrow Crown Wmk.
10sh pink and pale gray.

BAHAMAS.—(1378)—We are informed by Mr. Eugene Klein that one sheet of sixty of the "Special Delivery" overprint on 5d orange and black was doubly printed.

As stated in the chronicle of April 14th, 1917 (1372), the first printing of these stamps consisted of 500 copies. We learn from several sources that the second printing consisted of 6000. Not a large quantity by any means, when collectors are considered.

Mr. J. A. Galbraith submits the new Red Cross stamp, consisting of a large red cross on a 1d stamp, carmine and black, of the Queen's Staircase design, and the new 3d and 5d of the same design. These stamps appear to be surface-printed instead of recess-printed (engraved). *The Postage Stamp* chronicles the 2sh in Queen's Staircase design. The paper is multiple crown and CA.

Adhesives.
3d violet on yellow.
5d violet and black.
2sh ultramarine and black.

Red Cross.
1d carmine, black and red.

Special Delivery. Double Overprint.
5d orange and black.

CANADA.—Information will be found elsewhere in this issue dealing with a commemorative set soon to be issued.

CHINA.—We have received information from Wang Chin Chai that a new set of stamps consisting of four values, 1, 3, 4 and 10c, will shortly be issued to commemorate the completing of the constitution of the Republic. The design will be the familiar Temple of Heaven as found on the issue of 1909, but with the addition of the army and navy flags of the Republic. The designs are being executed in the Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing and definite information is lacking as to the length of time the new issue will be on sale.

COLOMBIA, REPUBLIC OF.—(1369)—We take the following information from *The Postage Stamp*. The series we announced in our chronicle of March 24, 1917, has been issued with a few changes, not only of designs but also of colors. The 5c Special Delivery stamp is in dark green instead of black, and the 4c AR is not in carmine, but "carmelita," the color of the garb of the Carmelite monks, a sort of coffee color. Originally the contract specified "statues" of several of the patriots depicted, but on consideration the authorities agreed with the printers that "busts" would look much more effective, and the dies were engraved accordingly. The quantities supplied by the printers are as previously given in this chronicle.

Adhesives.
½c yellow, bust of Caldas.
1c green, bust of Camille Torres.
2c red, bust of Narino.
4c violet, bust of Serna Santander.
5c dark blue, bust of Bolivar.
10c gray, bust of Cordoba.
20c vermilion, Boyaca Bridge.
50c carmine, view of Cartagena.
1p bright blue, bust of Sucre.
2p orange, bust of Rufino Cuerva.
5p gray, bust of Ricuarte.
10p sepia, Arms of Colombia.

Registration.
4c green and blue, Port Colombia.
10c blue, Falls of Tequendama.

Acknowledgment of Receipt.
4c carmelita, facade of Sabana Station.
5c caestnut, map of Colombia.

Special Delivery.
5c deep green, Special Del'y boy

Post Card.
2c red, bust of Narino.

Envelope.
3c marone.

Wrappers.
1c green.
1½c brown.

CUBA.—(1378)—Mr. I. C. Greene shows us the 5c chronicled in our issue of May 26th. It may be remarked that although the stamps are well printed the centering is very poor; this applies to all of the new set so far seen by us.

We have received from Jose Lapeyra specimens of the new 3c, 5c and 8c in purple, blue and brown, respectively. The 3c has the effigy of the learned Cuban D. Jose de la Luz Caballero, the 5c Calixto Garcia, a hero of several Cuban wars; and the 8c Agramont another war hero, who died May 11, 1873. The entire set is slated for an early appearance.

HEJAZ.—(1377)—Mr. A. J. Sefi informs *The Postage Stamp* that he has acquired the 1 piastre perforated in two totally different shades from the ordinary variety. The list of these stamps is therefore as follows:

Adhesives. Perforated.
1p green.
1p red.
1p blue.
a. pale blue.
b. deep metallic blue.

Adhesives. Rouletted.
½p orange.
1p green.
1p red
1p blue.

HUNGARY.—The *Madrid Filatelico* chronicles the 20 filler of the new reaper design:

Adhesive.
20f light brown.

NICARAGUA.—Mr. Don J. Grout advises us that he recently came across an error of overprint of No. 361, showing a period after "5 cts" and the date "1913" instead of "1915."

NORTH BORNEO.—(1375)—Mr. William S. Clark submits evidence of the actual use of the provisional 10c on 12c mentioned in our chronicle of May 5th, 1917. He writes: "I have in my collection a copy of the 10 on 12 cent used on piece of consular report envelope. The stamp has a dated postmark from the capital Sandakan, the date I think is late in 1916. This would seem to show beyond a doubt that some at least of these provisionals were placed on public sale and used for postal purposes."

RUSSIA.—We are indebted to Theodore Siddall for the following:

Information has reached here that new stamps have been issued, and that a circular issued by the Russian post office department gives the information that owing to the new stamps being of a different size from the previous issues, it has not been practicable to issue the stamps perforated. Machines for perforating the stamps will soon be ready.

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ST. LUCIA.—*The Postage Stamp* chronicles the locally overprinted "War Tax" stamp with double overprint.

ST. VINCENT.—*The Postage Stamp* chronicles the locally overprinted 'War Stamp" with double overprint.

SPAIN.—A change of color has taken place for the 15 centimos from violet to yellow-ochre. Of the new color, those numbered on the backs with the series "N" are numbered in blue and those of the series "O" are numbered in Chinese red, according to information given by the *Madrid Filatelico.*

Adhesive.

15c yellow-ochre, blue number on back.
15c yellow-ochre, red number on back.

NOTES ON THE STAMPS OF BELGIUM.

By F. E. WILSON.

At the present time when the tragedy of Belgium is constantly in the mind of every thinking member of the community, the philatelist will naturally turn to the Belgium pages in his collection with renewed interest. Postmarks such as Antwerp, Liege, Ypres, Nieuport, Ostend, and Zeebrugge will inevitably remind him of the fateful events which have already happened, which are still happening, and have still to come in that brave and martyred little country, for these names have become household words in the daily Press, so that no apology is needed at the present time in endeavouring to point out some of the special features connected with the Belgian issues as arranged in Messrs. Gibbons' catalogue.

1849: The 1st issue, consisting of two values only—viz., a 10c and 20c—is one of the most elegant and beautiful stamp designs known to the philatelist; in fact, one of the philatelic classics, popularly known as the "epaulettes" type. It shows a striking portrait of King Leopold I. with the numerals of value, inscription and value in words, clear and distinct, with nothing of a superfluous or microscopic nature such as so often spoils many of our modern stamp designs. The catalogue gives only two shades of the 10c, omitting a very marked one which is certainly worthy of catalogue rank. I refer to the quite distinct "red brown" well known to the French and Belgian catalogues as "brun roux," and in its deeper tints quite difficult to get hold of. In regard to the listed 10c and 20c with double corner figures, it may be stated that the 20c is not to be found with the distinctly double numerals such as are to be had of the 10c. The 20c offered are usually more or less blurred impressions. The faker has, however, stepped into the breach and provided varieties made by additions to the genuine stamp. The "double entries" have been well described and illustrated by a Belgian writer in a volume of "The Monthly Journal." Really "unused" examples of the 1st issue are much rarer than is usually supposed, and it is probably no exaggeration to say that fully 90 per cent of those in collections and on the market have had a red ink line cleaned off them. These emanate, I believe, from some remainder sheets which were left over when the stamps went out of use. The Government had a red ink line ruled across each row of stamps on the sheet. Such stamps are, of course, in a much higher category than "cleaned" stamps as usually understood by the collector, and they can be detected by an expert, but, after all, they are unused stamps.

1850: The 2nd issue consists of another finely engraved portrait of King Leopold I., this time in an oval, and the watermark of L L in frame is the same as in the first issue. The 10c and 20c are the two rarest unused stamps of the country. The 40c pale carmine was presumably the 1st colour, and is certainly much the scarcer. The remark as to cleaned stamps (mentioned under the 1st issue) applies here to the 40c carmine only. The 10c is known with slight double entry.

1851: Design as before, but the watermark is without frame. This issue is full of interest to the student, and as the 10c and 20c are still very common in used condition, it forms a happy hunting-ground for the collector of limited means. The hand-made paper used varies enormously from very thin hard to thickish porous and ribbed; a fine range of shades may be obtained. Specimens showing a watermark of large letters are not infrequent. They are part of a marginal watermark which was around the sheets. A wealth of minor retouches awaits the patient investigator, especially in the foliate leaves surrounding the medallion, and more or less recut outer and inner frame lines abound.

1861: Still the same design, but the stamps are without watermark. A new value 1c, intended for newspapers and circulars, is added to the set. The paper is machine-made, and therefore with none of the variety of the former issue, though the 10c and 20c may occasionally be found on a somewhat thicker paper. The 40c of this issue is one of the most difficult Belgian stamps to obtain in fine used condition with margins, and the same remark applies to this value unused. A marked variety of the 20c shows a damage diagonally all across the stamp, and there are some distinct retouches of the 1c.

It is surprising how few collections contain the 3 issues of 1850, 1851, and 1861 accurately classified.

1863: As before, but perforated. Three main sets of perforations exist, perf. 12½ all round, perf. 12½x13, 13½, and perf. 14½, the 1st set being relatively very much scarcer than the other two, though this is not sufficiently indicated by current catalgue quotations. The "damaged plate" variety of the 20c exists in all the 3 perforations, and what is probably the most striking retouch among the Belgian issues occurs on the 1c value, which also gives us a most prolific range of shades in the greatly varying stages of the plate, the last printings being in a very worn state. For a single stamp specialist this value may be recommended as offering quite sufficient scope for an interesting study.

The 1c value of this and of the previous imperforate issue was always—by a Post Office rule which was very well adhered to—cancelled with the town date stamp, whereas the 10c, 20c and 40c values had invariably to be cancelled by means of the "numeral in centre of lozenge shaped dots" postmark; examples with vice versa postmarks are elusive, but may occasionally be secured.

The foregoing five "line engraved" issues represent the golden age of Belgium from the philatelist's point of view and they are full of interest for the collector who is at pains to study and really understand them. Used specimens of most of them are still plentiful and inexpensive, though the condition crank will certainly encounter difficulties in the quest for really fine examples of the imperforate issues. The postmarks alone offer a considerable field for research.

1865: An attractive issue, the origin of which troubled collectors for many years, as it was at one time believed that all values were at first printed in London by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., who made the plates for the Belgian Government, but it is now clear that only the 1fr value was produced in England. The mistake was not an unnatural one, as very fine early impressions of the perf. 14½ x 14 series may be found, which differ strikingly from the later printings. The 30c perf. 14½ x 14 exists unperforated horizontally. Single specimens are not uncommon, but pairs are very rare. London collectors can feast their eyes on this rare variety in the Tapling Collection at the British Museum. An example of the 30c is also known with double perforations horizontally. This issue in the later perforation, which gauges 15 all round, gives us a fine range of shades, including a true cobalt colour in the 20c, which is worthy of catalogue rank. The imperforate 40c, which is rightly catalogued, is known used on the entire original cover from Antwerp to Libau, Russia.

1866: The three low values which form a pendant to the former issue are found in similar shades of colour to the 10c, 20c, and 30c, otherwise this issue calls for no special comment, though it may be stated that the 2c blue in perforation 15 is a scarce stamp. Very dangerous forgeries of the imperforate 1c have been made on the Continent.

1869-80 and 1875-81: These are par excellence the issues of Belgium for the lover of shades, to whom they offer an excellent scope. They were formerly listed as 1st printed on ordinary colours and 2nd in fugitive aniline colours, though the two are grouped together now; but anyway the student will find very marked differences of impression in the printing, in the gum, paper, and, as stated, in the colours. Used dated copies are the rule, and these are a great

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help in arranging the shades in something like chronological order of issue. Many minor varieties exist which are simply due to defective printing, perhaps the best of these being the 1c green, from which the word "CENTIME," which curves at the base of the numeral, has entirely disappeared. The Scott catalogue has long listed this variety. The 1c, 2c, 10c, and 30c are found imperforate in the early colours, and with the old gum, but these are unissued varieties. Collectors should beware of very dangerous imitations of the 5 franc stamp, in both shades of colour.

1883: This issue of 4 values, 10c, 20c, 25c, and 50c, was produced by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., and only lasted for one year, changed according to the late Mr. Westoby by reason of the altogether too flattering presentment of King Leopold II! Since the 1913 edition of the catalogue we find added these four stamps imperforate, and thereby hangs a tale. In October, 1911, the Belgian Government sold by auction in Brussels certain remainders of modern Belgian stamps which they had on hand, among them being 2,648 sets of the 4 values of 1883. The buyers were not permitted to see the stamps until they had purchased them, when, lo and behold! they turned out to be in unperforated sheets instead of in the normal perf. 14! There is, therefore, considerable doubt as to the real status of these "imperforate" stamps, which, to be consistent, are hardly entitled to catalogue rank.

1884-91: This issue does not present any special features of interest, though the 1c and 5c may be found with a number of minor varieties, due to defective printing; the 25c exists with flawed foliate ornament at right, and I have seen this value printed from a damaged plate.

1893-1907, 1900, 1905-09: Antwerp and Brussels Exhibition issues. These "Sunday label" stamps form a quite interesting group, of which the specialist can make much more than it is possible to include in a general catalogue. They comprise a large variety of shades due to the many different printings, and the marginal inscriptions are of considerable variety. Intending specialists are referred to the article on these stamps which appeared in "The Postage Stamp," Volume 4, 1909.

1912, 1912-13, and 1913-14: All these issues became obsolete on Oct. 15, 1915, and are now demonetized, a necessary precaution in view of the fact that large quantities of certain values unused are understood to have been looted by the Germans in Belgium, though up to now no offers of these stamps have been made by the Swiss stamp journals, though I see quoted the 1912 1c and (presumably) the 1913-14, 10c, both imperforate and unused at the rate of fr 2.50 each stamp. These most probably are unfinished stamps that have been looted, and as such will be left severely alone by all patriotic British philatelists. If the Editor will pass a sporting tip, it is that the 1912 issue 40c both unused and used (present catalogue quotations 6d. and 3d. respectively), and the used 2fr and 5fr, are all good for a rise! The 2c brown is listed without the engraver's name at foot of stamp, but its existence is doubtful.

The German "Belgien" Stamps, made by overprinting the current issue of Germany with the name "Belgien," have had a certain notoriety thrust upon them which caused them to receive an undue amount of attention in the British philatelic and general press. It is, however, useless to shut our eyes to the fact that they are being extensively used for genuine postal purposes all over Belgium, but especially in the provinces of Antwerp, Brabant, Hainaut, Limburg, Liege, Namur, and Luxemburg. Correspondence is much more difficult and restricted in Flanders owing to its proximity to the present zone of military operations. A Belgian friend who is still residing in Bruges wrote me (from Holland) in November of last year, that it was just permitted to send letters to Ghent and Brussels in the following manner. The stamps have to be attached to an exterior envelope addressed to the German commandant with the address of the person for whom the letter is intended on an interior envelope, so that the letter would be delivered without the exterior envelope bearing the stamps, a somewhat troublesome procedure not calculated to induce correspondence!

Oct. 15, 1915, issue: The new pictorial stamps issued from Havre show several innovations due to the war, the principal one being the absence of the "Sunday label," which we have become familiar with since 1893. The series is for obvious reasons London printed by Messrs. Waterlow Bros. & Layton, who are responsible for the modern Congo stamps, which present certain similarities to the new Belgians.

A correspondent having raised the point as to the possibilities of genuine use at the present time of this new issue, it may be pointed out that there is a considerable correspondence from the various departments of the Belgian Government at Havre, and further, the note as to looted stamps of the previously current issue is in itself a sufficient raison d'etre; finally, it is obvious that the Government must have ready a supply of stamps for use in their territory as soon as it is regained.

Charity Stamps, 1910 and 1911 issues. These are extremely ugly and quite unnecessary. The less said of them the better.

Red Cross Stamps of the present War: Two sets were issued in Belgium shortly before the fall of Antwerp; these were rapidly exhausted, and a third has been issued from Havre, London printed by Messrs. Waterlow; a variety occurs on all values of the 3rd set, one stamp in each sheet having one of the King's epaulettes broken. Varieties of perforation of the 3rd set also exist. A 4th set of Red Cross Stamps was announced to appear some considerable time back, but has not yet seen the light of day.

The Postage Due Stamps, of which only two very plain designs have appeared in the last 45 years, have no special features, but a pretty range of shades can be got together. The current type has appeared, London printed, from Havre.

The Parcel Post Stamps offer much of interest to anyone looking for an inexpensive field of research. Shades and varieties abound, and the cancellations, which are quite different to those used on the ordinary postage stamps, have never yet been properly studied and described in English. The material is certainly very plentiful and inexpensive, as these stamps by the pound weight are a favourite offering of the Continental dealer. Whilst on this subject I should like to warn British collectors of the presence on the market of enormous quantities of looted unused Parcel Post stamps of the formerly current types 1902-1914 issues, 10c to 10 francs, 20 kinds in all.

In conclusion. I am sure that the innumerable philatelists of the British Empire and the Allied Nations will unite with the writer in the sincere wish that before the next issue of "The Stamp Collectors' Annual" is published King Albert will have made a triumphant reentry into his beautiful capital City of Brussels, and that the Belgian nation will be busily engaged in setting their sadly ravaged house in order.—*Stamp Collectors' Annual.*

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The *Journal des Connaissances Medicales* devotes an article to the description of the various processes through which French postage stamps pass before they get into the hand of the public. The little bit of paper we stick upon our letters is, properly speaking, an infinitesimal bank note, perfectly well calculated to play the part of a currency, as in fact it did during the late war, for a short time, after specie failed. The *Journal* says:

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CHAPTER XII. — *Split Provisionals. (Continued.)*

The average individual probably found it much easier to use two ordinary one cent stamps! Four varieties of these provisionals can be made by specialists according to the manner in which the stamps were divided, viz.:

Right upper half.
Right lower half.
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Left lower half.

In an article in the *Monthly Journal* for May, 1902, Mr. C. J. Phillips mentions a bisect of the 1 cent of 1873-79, viz.: "I have this stamp bisected vertically and used on portion of original, dated 'ST. THOMAS 29.8.82.' I do not know of any ½c rate, or what this could have been used for, but it has every appearance of being perfectly genuine, so I place it on record."

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CHAPTER XIII

The New Currency.

In 1905 a new currency was adopted in the Danish West Indies consisting of the franc divided into 100 bit in place of the dollar and cents previously in use. The franc has a nominal value of 20 cents in United States money and a bit (which, curiously enough, has no plural form) is worth one-fifth of a cent. At the time the new currency was adopted it was decided to have an entirely new series of stamps and the bit values appeared about June, 1905, and the franc denominations in December of the same year.

The design for the lower values is certainly a remarkable one, the main feature being a profile portrait of King Christian IX in solid color, somewhat like the portraits made by silhouette artist. The portrait is enclosed within a small circle in which are also the words "CHRISTIAN DEN NIENDE", so that there may be no room for misconception as to whom the portrait is intended to represent. The frame around this circle is likewise more peculiar than artistic. At each of the four corners is a large crown, set diagonally, the lower ones being inverted, while between them is "DANSK" at the left, "VEST" at the top, "INDIEN" at the right, and "POST" at the bottom. Across the bottom of the design is a straight label inscribed "BIT" in the centre and with the numerals of value in white on solid color at each side. The design was the work of Mr. F. V. T. Klint, an architect, from whose drawing a photographic reproduction was made. The stamps were surface printed on the usual Crown watermarked paper and have the usual 12½ x 13 perforation. The 20, 40 and 50 bit values were printed in two colors.





The higher values—1, 2 and 5 francs—are stamps of large size and each is in two colors. The central design shows a ship in full sail, with mountains in the background. The frame is inscribed "DANSK-VESTINDIEN" across the top, and "FRIMAERKE 1 (2 or 5) FRANC" across the bottom, while in each of the four corners of the centre are large numerals to denote the value enclosed within post-horns. This design

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205	5c brown, 1882, fine	.32	.02
208	6c rose, 1882, scarce, fine	..	.25
239	30c brown, Columbian, fine..	.55	.40
240	50c slate, Columbian, fine ..	.80	.42
243	$3.00 green, Columbian, fine	4.00	3.25
461	$1.00 carmine, Parcel Post, fine..		.40
537	6c Navy, fine	.75	.27
538	7c Navy, fine	8.00	5.50
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was also the work of Mr. Klint and the dies were engraved at the Imperial Printing Office in Berlin. The stamps were printed at the Government Printing Works in Copenhagen, the centre from a line-engraved plate and the frames by means of surface printing. The paper is watermarked like that of the lower values, but the perforation gauges 12 and was the work of a single-line machine.

CHAPTER XIV.

The 1905 Provisionals.

In order to use up stocks of the 4, 5 and 8 cents stamps that were still on hand at the Government Printing Works in Copenhagen when the new currency came into force, these stamps were overprinted "5—BIT—1905" in three lines in black and sent to the Colony. It seems quite certain that these provisionals were sent to the West Indies, though there was no need for them as the new 5 bit stamps of the regular design were already in use, but it seems more than doubtful that they were ever issued except to speculators.

Quoting from the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* for December, 1905, Mr. Hanciau tells us:—

"On the day on which these stamps made their appearance an extraordinary amount of business was done at the three post offices at which they were put on sale. One can easily understand the disappointment of the general public on discovering that, about a quarter of an hour after the sale had commenced, there was nothing left out of a comparatively large edition. The representatives of a 'Charitable Society for the Assistance of the Lepers' had, with the knowledge of the Government, set upon each of these three post offices and bought up the whole stock, without exception. The Society had received the pecuniary support of a bank, which bank was to employ a portion of the stamps upon the letters addressed to its principal branches at Copenhagen and to return the used stamps to the Society. By what route was this stock sent to the West Indies? This we have never been able to find out, but it is a matter of relatively small importance.

The Society for the Lepers, of which we have spoken, gave the monopoly of these stamps to a dealer at Copenhagen. He paid, so far as we have been able to ascertain, 40 öre per set (the face value being about 11 öre), and he made a profit of 50 per cent., or 75 öre for single sets."

While the above was probably perfectly correct at the time it was written so far as the facts were then known, we now know that the larger part of these provisionals were returned to Copenhagen to be destroyed with other obsolete issues in 1906. From the official figures, which show that exactly 220 sheets of each of the three provisionals were disposed of, it seems apparent that those which were sold were cornered by the Society mentioned above or some other speculator.

(To be continued.)

PHILATELISTS AND THE POTATO.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

Sorry I was absent last issue, gentle readers. Please forgive me. I was tilling the soil—tilling it so good and hard that I completely forgot my accustomed furrow in the *S. C. F.*

Philatelists, in their hundreds or perhaps thousands, are bitten with the potato-growing craze, and I am one of them. Potatoes in their millions—at least we hope so—will be our portion.

If only a tithe of the tons of "spuds" budgetted for by the amateur planters of to-day come to fruition in autumn, then the Food Minister's doubts and apprehensions as to the potato supply of the future will vanish like snow beneath a summer sun. There will be potatoes without stint—potatoes in such abundance that the lowest pre-war price of "five pounds for tuppence" may again be the ruling quotation in costermonger circles.

If *all* the crops planned by the hopeful spare-time agriculturists of to-day should be duly raised and brought to market, then we should have, not a shortage, but an absolute glut of this most grateful of edible roots. Too many potatoes! Perhaps even a queue of dealers eager to sell at any price, in place of the present melancholy strings of weary would-be purchasers! But the "if" with which I began this paragraph is scarcely likely to be realised. Here and there a tyro in vegetable culture will drop out discouraged, perhaps driven almost crazy by weeds and wireworm; here and there some backslider will go away fishing; here and there a philatelist will be unable any longer to sever himself from his stamps.

Well, it is a hearty and a healthful hobby, this same potato-growing. And there is more than a spice of sport in it. For the day-dreamer and the builder of castles-in-the-air, I know of nothing better.

The weather being fine, you thrust your fork into the honest, sweet-smelling earth, and as if by magic, your troubles and your worries fall away from you. The work is mechanical; it leaves your mind free to rove the wide world over. At the third or fourth thrust of your fork, maybe, your day-dream begins. You buy a collection, let us say. It is a fine big collection, though you have bought it for a paltry matter of shillings; it is full of good things, though the late owner quite failed to appreciate them. Another breadth of ground is dug, and by that time you have re-sold the remnants of the collection at a clear profit, after enriching your own albums with many things that you had long coveted in vain. Your next dream, maybe, will put you in possession of a large parcel of war stamps, chock-full of errors, or possibly you get a new colonial issue direct from the postmaster on the spot, the said postmaster being kind enough to enclose a waste sheet inadvertently printed in the wrong colour, which, he thinks, "may interest you as a philatelist."

At this point it is more than probable that you will wake up and discover that you want your tea. But if the tea be good, and the butter-substitute not too unpalatable, all will be well, and this world will seem to you to be the better for having found you something useful to do in your hours of leisure.—*Stamp Collector's Fortnightly.*

THE STANDING JUNE 9.

Since our last report the number of new subscriptions received has been considerable and the revised figures are now as follows:

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Detroit Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich.,	22
Burt McCann, Minneapolis, Minn.,	21
R. E. Jonckheere, Billerica, Mass.,	16
M. Ohlman, N. Y. City,	16
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In the second group of workers will be found the following:—

Stamp Shop, Clearfield, Pa.,	9
Alfred Lechner, N. Y. City,	5
J. E. Guest, Minneapolis, Minn.,	5
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C. H. Mumper, Trenton, N. J.,	5
Watch City Stamp Co., Waltham, Mass.,	4
E. A. Southwick, Portland, Ore.,	4
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Some time ago we noted by courtesy of D. C. Alexander a variety of the current 2c stamped envelope showing white diagonal bars on the red background of the stamp. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing thus replies to an inquiry made at Washington:—"These white bars are due to a slightly uneven distribution of the ink on the face of the stamp at the time the impression was made." This is no doubt true, but it does not explain very satisfactorily the peculiar appearance of this stamp with its very regular parallel diagonal lines.

—Dr. W. L. Babcock, one of Detroit's leading collectors and Superintendent of Grace Hospital, has left Detroit for the training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., where he has been ordered into active service.

—The Brookline Stamp Co., Brookline, Mass., would like information in regard to the following collectors who do not reply to communications sent them:—A. Krahmer, Fairmount, Minnesota; Reid West, 203 East Sixth St., Concordia, Kansas; Maurice Diamond, 617 Hendrix St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; James Gordan, 430 3rd Ave., Terre Haute, Ind. and Sydney M. Cone, 2326 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Cone says that he mailed the stamps and suggests that they must have been lost in the mails.

—We received information, from a trustworthy source in Mauritius, that the total issue of the 25c with white back consisted of 250 sheets, or 30,000 stamps, which were immediately bought up by collectors and dealers. Our correspondent writes us that these interesting stamps are already changing hands in the colony at one shilling each. A considerable rise in price is expected shortly.—*Griebert's Notes and Offers.*

—Maitland Milliken meets our postmark combination, described and illustrated some three weeks ago, with a similar combination. In this instance Mr. Milliken's name is represented by two post offices in Colorado, which is an interesting combination in view of the fact that he is a resident of that state.

—Wm. Crouch, father of the late Captain L. W. Crouch of London, England, has published a book containing the letters written from the front. Captain Crouch was vice-president of the J. P. S., had the pen of a ready writer and had many friends in America with whom he corresponded in connection with U. S. stamps. The price of the book is $1.32 and it may be secured from S. G. Bennett, Aylesbury, England.

—Complaints have been entered against several collectors by the Auburn Stamp Co. of Auburn, Me. The names are:—Russell Higley, East Akron, O.; Harold A. Haherty, and David Kornblum, both of Daly City, Calif.

—The Beaver Stamp Co., formerly of Port Arthur, Ont., has now removed to Winnipeg. This change will account for any delay that may occur in answering correspondence.

—C. A. Brewster, St. Louis, Mo., is leaving for two or three weeks and will be unable to keep up with his correspondence during his absence.

—H. A. Haherty, to whom reference is made elsewhere in our News Gleanings as failing to reply to letters, is also reported by H. R. Stiles of Schenectady, N. Y. Mr. Stiles also has grievances against R. H. Bode, Carrick, Pa., and John Bigelow, 1332 12th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

—The membership of the J. A. P. S., according to the secretary, John G. Bassler, is approaching the hundred mark. This society is composed of boys and young men and has been organized less than a year.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Maitland Milliken, E. F. Walters, Herman Boers (2), and W. H. Wilkerson, Jr.

—We are pleased to announce the return of F. P. Gibbs to our advertising columns after an enforced absence of several months. He has been through a severe illness but now reports that he is in the "pink of condition" and expects to be with us for a long time.

—The Star Stamp Co., of Waterford, Wis., reports inability to secure replies to letters addressed Leroy Watson, Toledo, O., and A. B. Cleveland, Holyoke, Mass.

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THE CASE OF LAZOS.

W. C. Phillips & Co. met with the loss of a large approval selection in the flight of Louis Lazos from the U. S. Naval Hospital at Las Animas, Colo. Losses are being reported by other dealers and it is very evident that this party planned his campaign of robbery with much forethought.

It is reported that Lazos borrowed funds from patients at the Hospital and a correspondent at the Hospital writes concerning him:—"I have known him for about two years and considered his reputation good. He borrowed money on the strength of his acquaintanceship with inmates of the hospital to go to Chicago, as he claimed, to sell his stamp collection."

Commenting upon this episode another correspondent refers to his use of his society memberships in securing approval selections and writes us as follows:—

"We are getting so many short deals first and last from parties who have been admitted to the society, it seems as if a little more care taken in looking members over might not be amiss if a membership is going to be of any value as a reference basis. This is purely a personal comment and does not call for mention in your paper, but we have been stung a good many times over those society letters as a reference basis and they mean a lot less than they used to."

In this connection we want to endorse what has been said. The time has passed when our stamp societies should furnish merely an annual talk-fest or a summer outing. If there is one thing it should do, it is to be assured of the financial responsibility of all applicants. If this is impossible, the use of society initials should be prohibited for purposes of reference. Losses such as represented in the Lazos case will compel dealers to insist upon something further than society membership numbers for references.

Later.—As we go to press further information is at hand concerning Lazos, and numerous dealers state that they have been victimized. Dr. H. A. Davis, secretary of the A. P. S., writes that the collection he is offering for sale is a specialized collection of Greece. If offered any dealer, Dr. Davis urges that Lazos be arrested and wire sent to Colorado Springs.

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Bolivia	1866 50c* superb, No. 6	13.50
	1866, 50c* superb block of 9*	175.00
Zanzibar	2½a No. 26 fine	11.00
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EDITORIAL.

Economy—The following order to "Postmasters to Encourage Use of High Denomination Stamps," dated at Washington, June 2, 1917, is self-explanatory. In this connection, it is to be said that this measure of economy is not original with this country as we remember that Miss Amy L. Swift sent us many months ago, particulars of the recommendation of the postmaster general of the Australian Commonwealth, or of one of the states, advising this intensive use of postage stamps:

"As a measure of economy postmasters and post office employees are directed to encourage the public to use stamps of the highest denominations suited to the amount of postage required on all mail. For example, a 2-cent stamp instead of two 1-cent stamps should be affixed to letters needing two cents postage; and a 10-cent stamp instead of five 2-cent should be attached to parcels requiring ten cents postage. Co-operation between post office employees and the public in the sale and use of stamps of the higher denominations will effect a large saving to the Government in the cost of producing, transporting, and cancelling them, and will benefit the public in minimizing the number of stamps handled and affixed to mail. This benefit will be especially important to business concerns mailing large quantities of letters and parcels, and postmasters are directed to bring the suggestion particularly to their notice.

Postmasters will cause this suggestion to be published in the newspapers when it can be done without expense to the Department.

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Escaped—We are devoutly thankful that we were not lead into naming in our news columns any prices on the five cent error during the early weeks of its discovery. We have been importuned by readers and others to express an opinion as to price of the sensational stamp. When in a private capacity we discussed values we proceeded so cautiously that after all, the inquirer had to depend on his own judgment. For several days after the news of the error was known, we did not see a single specimen of the stamp; and then, the spell was broken and the stamps came in from many different sources. Thereupon, a condition arose that is not unusual in instances of the kind; while the stamps were plentiful, yet the trade movement in them was restricted as liberal bids for the stamps were not accepted by the holders. Soon, however, prices declined and a feeling of wariness characterized the market. We are informed that the error will be catalogued at a moderate price which, nevertheless, will be higher than that of any other stamp of which so large a number was issued, because of the peculiar interest that the error will always have. The demand will always be such as to keep pace with the supply or the number of the errors available.

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Suggested—We have heard all sorts of rumors about the quantities of the errors held here and there which need not be detailed until our informants are surer of their ground. The error is to be credited for the good effect that it has had and is having on collecting. The public mind was singularly receptive to the story of the error and the tale bids fair to become one of the classics of the outside world. Almost everybody remembers about the error, even though their attention was called to it through an inconsequential item in the paper. It made a hit with all classes throughout the country and they are hugging the story fondly. The inquiries of collectors at post offices and elsewhere for plate 7942 have helped the advertising. Our letter carrier was told about the error and advised to keep his eye open for a red five; he did, and found one on a letter that he delivered. Our advertising columns revealed the existence of both perforations, 10 and 11, in the error; and Mr. John E. Lord writes as follows: "I have been advised by what I consider good authority that some sheets with the error have been precanceled, 'Chicago.' A wholesale woolen house in Chicago is said to have used one of the errors as a five cent stamp in sending some goods by parcel post; and the package was received with three cents postage due. The recipients of the package complained about paying the three cents, claiming that the stamp was a five cent stamp; and they paid the postage under protest but decided that the case was too small to make a fuss about and destroyed the evidence. My informant is not a stamp collector, but says that he saw the package and that all the stamps had the word, Chicago, printed on them." A dealer received a remittance in two cent stamps and found the error in the lot, the collector, who sent the stamps, having overlooked it.

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More—To dwell for an instant on the human interest of the error story, we may say that an example of the wish to supply that quality is found in the story of the Virginia postmaster who is alleged to have written to Washington that he "wished the department would not print the 5c and the 2c stamps on the same sheet as it was confusing in keeping the accounts." This sentiment, the truth of which is denied, was created to meet the yearning for human details. We must revise our opinion expressed several weeks ago that the newspapers did not rise to the opportunity presented by the story of the errors. We found later that in many cases the papers did give some attention to the stamps and the result was a volume of publicity that while not always according to the book was well worth having.

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Twisted—The Chicago *Daily News* in describing the earthquake at Salvador presents a picture of San Salvador, the capital, which it calls "the capital of the West Indian republic, where Columbus discovered America." We wonder if it were possible for the veriest tyro in collecting to dish up such a mixture of misinformation. We again maintain that one of the justifications of philately is that it teaches geography. In connection with the Salvador calamity, we had the satisfaction of providing a certain city editor with the denominations of current Salvador set showing the Barrios and Independence monuments, the National Palace and the Rosales Hospital for use in his pictorial exploitation of the scene of the disaster. He used several of the illustrations and we forgave him for his density in not recognizing the great human interest story that could be woven around the 5c error and chilling our enthusiasm by not giving a sign of approval of our suggestion that he use the story "big."

Mistake—Of course, the *Daily News* made a bad mistake and mistakes will happen in the best regulated newspaper offices—even the WEEKLY has been known to make them. On one memorable occasion, a typographical error distorted things scandalously; we corrected the mistake by repeating it but the third time the correction "took." It is very puzzling at times to know how these things happen; and this reflection leads us to regard the plight of the *Philatelic Sun* with sympathy: "In the March issue we stated that Mr. A— and Mrs. B— traveled over the country in 1895. This was an error on the part of the proofreader. It should have read, 'It was in 1895, when accompanied by Mr. B—, Mr. A— made a tour of the United States'," etc. In a stamp paper the other day, we found one of the ads offering "Times"; and from the context it was understood that Timor was intended. Timor, by the way, is a puzzler to the non-philatelic compositor when presented in hand-written copy.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 188.)

BOLIVAR.—I. A department of the republic of Colombia, bordering upon the Carribean Sea. It has an area of 21,340 square miles and its population exceeds 330,000. Some few years ago it was divided into two portions—Magdalena and Atlantico—Barranquilla being the capital of the former and Cartagena the capital of the latter. The whole department is, however, still generally known by the name of Bolivar and that name still appears on its postage stamps, the first of which were issued in 1863.

II. A province of the republic of Ecuador having a population of over 43,000. All the postage stamps issued in this province from the latter part of 1902 until 1904 were overprinted with the word "Resellada". The overprint was applied as a check upon the stamps as, owing to a disastrous fire at Guayaquil in July, 1902, in which the Government stores were burned, the officials were uncertain as to the fate of a large quantity of stamps which were in stock at the time of the fire. It was not known whether they had been burned or stolen, and in case the latter might have happened, the authorities ordered all similar stamps in stock at all the post-offices of the republic to be marked in some distinctive manner before being used and stamps without overprint were not recognised as having any franking value.

III. A value in which some of the stamps of Venezuela are expressed. A bolivar is divided into 100 centimos and has a nominal value of 10c in United States currency.

BOLIVIA.—A republic of South America having an area of about 570,000 square miles and a population of nearly two millions. In 1879 Chili took possession of the Bolivian coastlands and the country now has no ports of its own. Its exports thus have to be carried to Mollendo (Peru), Africa and Antofagasta at which places Bolivian Customs agents reside. The country was formerly comprised in the Spanish Vice-royalty of Colombia under the name of "Alto Peru" and it derives its present name from its great liberator Simon Bolivar. It gained its independence in 1824, after the battle of Ayachuco. The Colombian general, Bolivar, made his entrance into La Paz in 1825, and under his auspices, the first constitution was drawn up in 1826. The government consists of a president and two vice-presidents, a senate of sixteen members, and sixty-nine deputies. Bolivia issued its first postage stamps in 1866.

BOLIVIANO.—The value in which some of the stamps of the republic of Bolivia are expressed. It derives its name from that of the country and its liberator, Simon Bolivar. A boliviano is divided into 100 centavos and is nominally worth 50c in American money. The term has apparently only been in use since 1897 and prior to that date stamps equivalent in value to 1 boliviano were expressed as 100 centavos.

BOLLO DELLA POSTA DI SICILIA.—An inscription appearing on the stamps of Sicily meaning "stamp of the Post of Sicily".

BOLLO DELLA POSTA NAPOLETANA.—An inscription shown upon all the stamps of Naples which signifies "Postage Stamp of Naples".

BOLLO POSTALE.—An inscription shown upon the stamps of the small republic of San Marino meaning "Postage Stamp".

BOND PAPER.—A strong, tough paper made from linen rags. Die proofs of several United States stamps may be found on this paper.

BONILLA.—The Bonilla stamps is a special label issued in the republic of Honduras in February, 1912, to commemorate the election of President Manuel Bonilla.

BORDEAUX PRINTS.—The name generally applied to the French stamps lithographed at Bordeaux from November, 1870, until March, 1871, during the siege of Paris when, of course, ordinary supplies from the Paris mint were unobtainable.

BORNEO.—(See North Borneo.)

BORRIUS, J. P.—A printer of Potchefstroom, Transvaal, who printed supplies of the 1d, 3d, 6d and 1sh stamps for the South African Republic in September, 1870, and December, 1872.

BOSCAWEN.—A town in the State of New Hampshire at which a special 5c stamp was issued by the Postmaster in 1846, to facilitate the prepayment of postage. The label was in use but a few months, for in August, 1847, it was replaced by the ordinary stamps for the whole of the United States.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.—Two provinces in the north-western portion of the Balkan Peninsula having an area of about 17,000 square miles and a population of over a million and a half—all of Servian blood. Successively forming part of Illyria, Pannonia and Dalmatia, the country was peopled by Slavs in the sixth and seventh centuries. Then for eight hundred years it was subject successively to Servia, Croalia, and a line of native kings until, in 1463, it was subjugated by the Turkish Sultan Mohammed II. It afterwards played an important part in supplying the famous Janissary corps to the Turkish armies. In 1849-50, and in 1875, the peasantry (who mostly clung to the Roman Catholic faith) rose in revolt against their masters (their own countrymen who had accepted Mohammedanism in order to retain their estates) and against their Turkish rulers. Under the treaty of Berlin of July 13th, 1878, the joint monarchy of Austro-Hungary was given a mandate to occupy and administer Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with the sarjak of Novi-Bayar, under the nominal suzerainty of the Sultan of Turkey. Austria had long desired to annex these provinces and in 1908, when internal affairs in Turkey were in a state of upheaval, she calmly appropriated them and they now form part of the Austro-Hungarian empire. Special postage stamps for use in Bosnia and Herzegovina were first issued in April, 1879.

BOSNIEN: HERZEGOWINA.—The local rendering of Bosnia and Herzegovina as shown upon all the stamps for those provinces issued since 1906.

BOSTON.—The capital and largest city of the State of Massachusetts, having a population well in excess of 700,000. It is situated at the head of Massachusetts Bay, the first settlement having been made in 1630, by settlers from the Winthrop fleet. The town took a leading part in the revolution and was the scene of the Boston "tea party". In 1872, much of the business portion of the city was destroyed by fire. The intellectual "culture" of the city is proverbial. In 1849, and 1850, a semi-official postal service was established for the delivery of letters within the precincts of the city and in connection therewith special 1c and 2c stamps were issued.

BOURNE, HERBERT.—An English engraver of repute who was born in 1825. He engraved dies or portions of dies for several stamp manufacturers including Perkins, Bacon & Co., Waterlow & Sons, Waterlow Bros. and Layton, Skipper & East, and Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Examples of his work may be found on some of the stamps of Queensland, Hayti, Liberia, Chili, Spain, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Uruguay and Nyassa. He died on November 13th, 1907, at the ripe old age of 82 and he was actively engaged at his work right up to the time of his death.

(To be continued.)

China, Yuan Shi Kai, All Fine

1913	1c orange, No. 161, used or un'd		.04
	2c green, No. 162, used or un'd		.04
	3c slate grn., No. 163, used or un'd		.04
	5c rose lilac, No. 164, used or un'd		.07
	8c brown, No. 165, used or un'd		.12
	10c blue, No. 166, used		.10
	10c blue, No. 166, unused		.14
	16c olive grn., No. 167, used or un'd		.25
	20c carmine, No. 168, used or un'd		.25
	50c green, No. 169, used		.50
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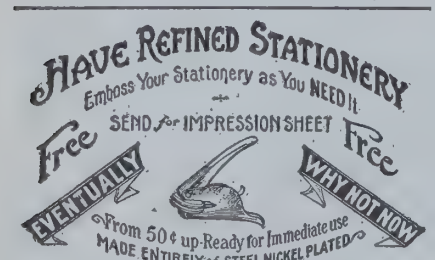
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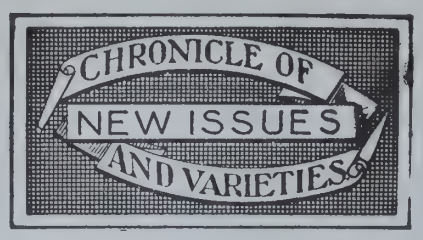
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UNITED STATES.—(1380)—Of the unwatermarked *Perf. 10* Special Delivery stamps, there are two very decided shades. The latest to come to our notice is a deep bright blue, while in contrast to this, those formerly in our hands were of a milky light blue. These shades are so positive that they deserve to have catalogue rank.

Special Delivery.
Unwmkd. Perf. 10.
10c bright deep blue.
10c milky light blue.

It has not been the custom to list advertising cancellations in our chronicle, but hereafter we will try to serve our readers, if any interest is shown in the matter. We have at hand two styles of advertising cancellations from Washington, thanks to Messrs. H. M. Southgate and Benj. Cadbury. Both are worded the same: "Do Your Bit Buy A Liberty Loan Bond Inquire At Any Bank Or Post Office". We also thank Mr. Frank Reeder, Jr., for sending a copy of the ad. cancellation in use at Easton, Pa. Mr. Reeder believes Easton was the first city outside of Washington to thus advertise the Liberty Bond sale. The ad. in this case reads: "Your Patriotic Duty Buy A Liberty Bond". It went into use on June 1st. Mr. Eugene Tilleux, Jr., submits a drawing of an ad. cancellation in use at Wichita, Kansas. It reads: "International Wheat Show Oct. 1-13-1917 Wichita, Kans."

(1379)—Mr. J. M. Bartels writes to us: "Envelope collectors will be interested to hear that a new circular die has appeared which will be known as die F. So far it is known on size 13 white and amber. The die has the small head of the die E. Die F can be distinguished as follows: E far from circle at right; N of CENTS narrow; left numeral tilted backward; head smaller, similar to die E; T S wide at bottom."

Mr. Bartels also hands us a list of new envelopes, supplementing the list in our chronicle of June 2nd.

Issue 1915.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
2c	B	5	White	20	81
2c	C	13	White	20	83
		Issue 1916 (Circular Die).			
2c	A	3	White	19	80
2c	A	13	White	19	83
2c	A	13	White	19	83
2c	D	13	White	19	89
2c	E	13	White	19	89
2c	E	5	White	20	81
2c	E	5	White	20	87
2c	F	8	White	19	91
2c	F	13	White	19	89
2c	F	13	Amber	19	89
2c	F	13	Blue	19	89
2c	F	5	White	20	81
2c	F	8	White	20	59

AITUTAKI.—*The Australian Stamp Journal* chronicles the New Zealand 1sh overprinted for use in this island. The stamps are perf. 14x14½ and 14x13½ on the same sheet.

Adhesive.
1sh orange-red.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(1377)—It seems that we have not listed the complete new set from this country, as mentioned in our chronicles of April 14th and May 19th. The stamps have a portrait of San Martin similar to the Centenary set but the dates "1816-1916" have been replaced with the currency "Centavos" or "Pesos" as the case may be.

Adhesives.
½c lilac.
1c buff.
2c lilac-brown.
3c light green.
4c red-violet.
5c light red.
10c dull green.
12c light blue.
20c ultramarine.
24c light red-brown.
30c claret.
50c gray-black.
1p slate-blue and red.
5p blue-gray and olive.
10p violet and blue.
20p dull blue and claret.

AUSTRALIA.—*The Australian Stamp Journal* says that for a short time the 3d stamps were on sale, at the G.P.O. at Sydney, in an entirely new shade, more like the 4d Victoria, which was in use before the Australia series. The Scott catalogue lists the 3d as olive-bistre, while it lists the 4d Victoria as bistre. Soon afterward the old shade reappeared, but slightly paler. Shades of the current Australian stamps seem to be increasing and are becoming perplexing to the chronicler.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain gives the quantities printed of Scott's Nos. 26 to 33 as follows: 2d, 6,120,000; 2½d, 1,416,000; 6d, 4,800,000; 9d, 8,169,840 1sh, 7,200,000; 2sh, 960,000 and 5sh, 1,440,000.

Two War-Savings stamps are to be issued of the values of 6d and 2sh 6d, and although they may come with postal cancellations, they cannot be considered as postage stamps, says *Stamp Collecting* quoting from the *Australian Stamp Journal.*

AUSTRIA.—*Feldpost.—Locher's Bulletin* chronicles several novelties and changes of color in Scott's types O1 and O2.

Adhesives.
10h light blue. 80h brown.
15h carmine. 90h claret.
20h olive. 4k violet-black.

BAHAMAS.—(1380)— On the authority of Mr. Lyons we stated last week that the new Red Cross stamps appeared to be surface-printed. We have now had the opportunity of examining an entire sheet of them and have come to the conclusion that they are line-engraved, with the Red Cross and date "1.1.17." lithographed. We also note several varieties as follows: The date "1.1.17." on the 42nd stamp shows a "7" with a longer down stroke than those in the rest of the sheet of sixty. The 1st and 2nd stamps in the sheet are joined at the top by a thin guide line. The 12th stamp in the sheet has a short guide line over the upper right corner. There is no importance attached to these varieties, they are mentioned solely as a guide.

BARBADOS.—The current ¼d, 1d and 2½d of this colony, seal type, have been seen with the watermark inverted.

BAVARIA.—(1358)—*Scott's Circular* chronicles the 20pf Official stamp appearing on white instead of bluish paper.

Official.
20pf blue.

BELGIUM.—*German Occupation*—Since the first occupation stamps were issued in 1914 with the word "Centimes" and those of the same series issued in 1915, two series have been issued with changes of surcharge. The latter appeared in 1916 with centimes abbreviated to "Cent." and thus overprinted but without the word "Belgien" later in the year. For the convenience of keeping an accurate chronicle, we append the lists of the later surcharges below:

"Cent." and "Belgien".
3c on 3pf brown.
5c on 5pf green.
8c on 7½pf orange.
10c on 10pf carmine.
15c on 15pf yellow brown.
25c on 20pf blue.
40c on 30pf orange and black on buff.
50c on 40pf lake and black.
75c on 60pf rose-lilac.
1fr on 80pf lake and black on rose.
1fr 25c on 1mk carmine.
2fr 50c on 2mk blue.
6fr 25c on 5mk black and carmine.

Without "Belgien".
Same as above list with the exception of the 6fr 25c.

BOSNIA.—(1371)—A new series of postage stamps and postage dues have been issued by the military government of Bosnia, and according to *Locher's Bulletin* the list is as follows:

Adhesives.

3h gray.	40h vermilion.
5h olive-green.	50h blue-green.
6h violet.	60h claret.
10h bistre.	80h red-brown.
12h blue-gray.	90h deep violet.
15h carmine.	2k brown on cream.
20h brown.	3k green on bluish.
25h blue.	4k carmine on green.
30h dark green.	10k violet on gray.

Postage Dues.

5h carmine.	30h carmine.
10h carmine.	40h carmine.
15h carmine.	50h carmine.
20h carmine.	1k blue.
25h carmine.	3k blue.

Three of these new postage stamps were mentioned in our chronicle of April 4th. They all contain the portrait of the late Emperor Francis Joseph I. The postage dues show a large numeral in an octagon towards the bottom of the stamp, with "Militarpost" and "Portomarke" in two lines above, and the value again expressed in a line at the bottom.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—(1379)—*Ewen's Weekly* is our authority for stating that on April 10th the 2½d and the 1½d on 2½d War Stamp were exhausted at Grand Cayman.

CUBA.—(1380)—Under date of May 31st, Mr. John S. Otero advised us that the remaining unissued values of the new portrait series would be issued on June 10th. These will include the 1, 10, 20, 50 centavos and 1 peso. The 2, 3, 5 and 8c have so far been chronicled.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—(1379)—It may interest our readers to know that the original shipment of the "missing values" of the King Christian X series, is said to have met disaster at the hands of a German submarine. The 500 each of these values, which were sent to the Islands later, were the remainders of the original printing, being issued to give the islanders a chance of securing a few of these stamps as mementoes before the United States took over the postal arrangements, so says *Whitfield King & Co.'s List.*

DOMINICA.—(1371)—The stamp listed in our chronicle of April 7th should have been listed as the black on light green highly surfaced paper, as listed for Fiji and Gold Coast in this week's Chronicle, as taking the place of the earlier gray-black on green paper.

Adhesive.
1sh black on light green.

FIJI.—*The Australian Stamp Journal* and *Scott's Circular* chronicle new postage due stamps for this country. They are printed on horizontally laid paper and perf. 11. The design shows "Postage Due" at top and "Fiji" at bottom, with a large numeral in the centre.

Postage Dues.
½d black.
1d black.
2d black.
3d black.
4d black.

The ½d King George as well as the same stamps overprinted "War Stamp" are appearing in a bright yellow green shade, according to the *Australian Stamp Journal.*

The Postage Stamp chronicles the 1sh in black on light green highly surfaced paper, taking the place of the 1sh gray-black on green.

Adhesives.
½d bright yellow-green.
1sh black on light green.

War Stamp.
½d bright yellow green.

GIBRALTAR.—*Marsh's Weekly Philatelist* chronicles new shades of the current Georgian stamps. The 1sh is in intense black on light green highly surfaced paper, the ½d is of a new pale yellowish-green color, while the 2½d is of the deep ultramarine color the same as the second printing of the Cayman Islands War Stamp.

Adhesives.
½d pale yellow-green.
2½d deep ultramarine.
a. variety: large 2 in fraction.
1sh black on light green.

GOLD COAST.—We note in the *Economist Bulletin* and the *Postage Stamp* mention of the 1sh on a new green paper

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Adhesive.

1sh black on light green.

GREECE.—We are indebted to Mr. Henry J. Perry for word regarding a new provisional stamp for the Royalist Government. Mr. Perry has received on a cover bearing the ordinary 25l overprinted with a crown and ET a 1l stamp surcharged "K. P. Lepton 5". The "K. P." made us think at once of Prosorini Kivernisis, but we questioned the use of these words in the Athens camp as they are the words of the new Venizelist issue. The stamp may be a charity issue or a tax stamp, and we await more definite news. It will be noted that the surcharge contains the singular "Lepton" and not the plural "Lepta".

HUNGARY.—(1380)—Continuing our chronicle of the new reaper design, the list now stands:

Adhesives.

3f red-lilac.	50f red-violet.
5f green.	75f deep blue.
10f red.	80f olive.
15f violet.	1k deep red.
20f light brown.	2k red-brown.
25f blue.	

It may be a far cry back to December 30th, 1916, the coronation date of the new King and Queen of Hungary, but on that day two hastily prepared commemorative stamps were issued to celebrate the event philatelically. The stamps are on unwatermarked paper and are perf. 15. The 10f shows a portrait of Queen Zita and the 15f pictures King Charles. It is said that one million of each were issued up to January 7th and soon bought up.

Commemorative Stamps.

10f violet.
15f red.

Likewise two charity postage stamps were recently issued, but these seem to have escaped our chronicle. They contain pictures of soldiers in action, differing for each value, and were issued in 1916.

Charity Postage.

10f+2f red.
15f+2f violet.

ITALY.—It seems we have failed to chronicle the new 20c stamp, Scott's type A50.

Adhesive.

20c dull orange.

JAMAICA.—(1376)—When the 1½d War Stamp in the 8-point Roman setting first appeared, the 11th stamp of the first pane showed no period. When the 3d came to be issued with this large type setting, the no period error occurred in the same position. The ½d sheets showed that an endeavor had been made to correct this missing period by means of a character resembling an inverted "D", very minute. The 1½d and 3d have also appeared with this correcting character for stamp 11. The no period error now occurs in all three values, on stamp 45 of the first pane.

LUXEMBOURG.—This country has issued two new values in the design of Scott's type A11, replacing the provisional surcharges of the same values issued last year. The two stamps have also been issued for official use with the overprint "Officiel".

Adhesives.

17½c dark brown.
87½c orange.

Official Stamps.

17½c dark brown.
87½c orange.

MAURITIUS.—(1374)—*The Philatelic Magazine* gives the *Colonial Journal* as its authority for stating that the 5c and 1 rupee have now been printed on plate No. 5. The 1 rupee being on the new highly surfaced light green paper, as mentioned for other British Colonies in this chronicle.

Adhesive.

1sh black on light green.

MONTENEGRO.—*German Occupation.*—*Scott's Circular* chronicles stamps of Bosnia 1916-17 overprinted "Montenegro".

Adhesives.

10h bistre.
15h carmine-rose.

The publication quoted translates the following from the *Journal Philatelique de Berne:* "On March 1st, the anniversary day of the introduction of the imperial and royal military administration in Montenegro, there will be issued with the authorization of the general order of the army, 10 and 15 heller stamps of the military post surcharged 'Montenegro'. Use of these stamps will only be permitted on the first of March."

MOZAMBIQUE.—(1362)—The War Tax stamps chronicled in our issue of February 3rd were also issued with the overprint "Porteado" for use in collecting the tax on such mail that was posted without the war tax stamps. We also note that the chronicle above referred to listed a 2c stamp in error for a 5c. The correction is herewith made. *Locher's Bulletin* is our authority.

War Tax Stamps.

1c gray-green.
5c carmine-rose.

War Tax Postage Dues.

1c gray-green.
5c carmine-rose.

NAURU.—(1371)—Mr. Robert W. Walton writes to us as follows: "On May 28th I received eight letters from Rabaul, all posted with the N. W. P. I. stamps, values ranging from ½d to 5sh; the date of postmark is March 20-1917, so it is evident that the Nauru stamps have not yet been placed in use. All the covers were backstamped 'Passed Censor—Rabaul—Mar 20 1917' in oval surmounted by crown, violet ink being used."

NETHERLAND.—(1372)—The 30c noted in our chronicle for April 14th has been duly issued, according to *Scott's Circular.*

Adhesive.

30c lilac and violet-brown.

SAMOA.—(1358)—We seem to have missed chronicling the ½d King George stamp of New Zealand overprinted "Samoa" in red, which we now see chronicled in *The Postage Stamp.* The list of King George stamps thus overprinted is now as follows, we having listed the 2½d on January 6th.

Adhesives.

½d yellow-green.
2½d blue.

SENEGAL.—We do not seem to have chronicled the Red Cross stamp on chalk-surfaced paper.

Charity Postage.

10c+5c orange and rose.

SEYCHELLES.—(1367)—*Scott's Circular* chronicles the 6c stamp mentioned in our chronicle of March 10, 1917. The stamp is inscribed "Postage" "Revenue".

Adhesive.

6c carmine.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.—*Ewen's Weekly* of March 31st chronicled the 2½d stamp as appearing in the deep ultramarine, same as the second printing of the Cayman Islands War Stamp.

Adhesive.

2½d deep ultramarine.

TUNIS.—We find we have not chronicled the new provisional stamp for this French Protectorate, now listed in *Scott's Circular.* Regular issue of 1906 surcharged with new value.

Adhesive.

15c on 10c red.

TURKEY.—Toward the end of last year and during the early part of the present some very handsome engraved stamps were issued in this country. There seems to be a question why the same value was issued in three different colors at the same time, but nevertheless such was the case for two values. The 10 piastre shows a picture of the Palais Dolma-Bagtche and a portrait of the Sultan, while the 50 piastre portrays the Sultan alone. Some charity postage stamps were also issued early this year; they contain a military picture.

Adhesives.

10pi violet.	50pi green.
10pi green.	50pi carmine.
10pi brown.	50pi slate.

Charity Postage.

10pa red lilac.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.—(1379)—Mr. W. Bradbury informs *The Philatelic Magazine* that both the 1d and 3d War Tax stamps have a long "T" in "TAX" which occurs once in every sheet at the bottom left-hand corner.

WURTEMBERG.—(1360)—In our chronicle of January 20th mention was made of new values for the ordinary official series, but we did not complete the chronicle. In *Locher's Bulletin* we note the addition of a provisional 25pf on 25pf orange, the surcharge of the value being in black in order to enable the postal clerks to distinguish between the 25pf and 7½pf which is also in orange. The definite 25pf has also been issued in new colors. Our list will set forth the matter clearly.

Officials. Scott's Type O1.

2½pf gray.
7½pf orange.
15pf yellow-brown.
25pf on 25pf orange (overprint black).
25pf brown and black.

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The "error" is a five-cent stamp, printed in the red of the two-cent, in sheets of the latter. It occurred through engraving a few plates of the five-cent stamp on a plate otherwise devoted to two-cent stamps. The error escaped the notice of more than a score of inspectors before the stamps were sent to post offices.

There the error was found, and the government issued orders for the return of the defective sheets. Meanwhile, some of them had been sold. It is known that 50,000 defective sheets were printed, with three of the "fives" in each sheet of 400 stamps. The post offices returned large quantities. So far as is known no canceled copies have been offered for sale.

Unused copies are being offered by a few New York stamp dealers at $20 each, or higher prices, if still attached to two-cent stamps of the defective sheet. One of the first stamps found brought $225 in Philadelphia.—New Bedford *Evening Standard.*

WILL YOU LEND A HAND?

Last week we published a short article by Earl E. Boyd and in connection with it stated that he was at the Sisters' Hospital, Watertown, N. Y., in an almost helpless condition. A second letter from him certainly confirms our statement. Not only is he unable to use his lower limbs, but his left arm is helpless. We quote from his letter as follows:—

"I don't write very much, certainly no more than I can help, for it tires my arm. My left arm is entirely useless and my right arm partly so, as it is stiff in the elbow and shoulder joints, and I am unable to get my hand up to my mouth. However, I am very thankful for the fact that I can write and work at my stamps and read, and these are my only amusements or pleasures. By going slowly and carefully I am able to do a lot of things and that is how I wrote that mss. on the 'Mounting of Original Covers'."

From the above one can get a bit of an idea of the difficulties under which Mr. Boyd is collecting, and the purpose of this notice is to induce some of our readers to send some original covers such as they can spare direct to Mr. Boyd at the hospital. He is quite interested in this side-line of stamp collecting and it will be lending a hand where the favor will be appreciated. If you would like to send stamps, make it some U. S. or Colonies.

AUCTION CATALOG QUOTATIONS.

Dr. Alfred P. Lee sends us some pages from an auction catalog upon which he makes some comment that we shall do well to quote from. In passing, we might add that we consider the practise referred to a very reprehensible one. In this instance, we shall not give the name of the company guilty of sending out the catalog, but suggest that such a method of doing business destroys confidence and causes loss of patronage. We quote as follows:—

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June 11, 1917.

The next regular meeting of the Society will be called to order at 7.45 p. m. on Tuesday, June 19th. An important amendment to the Constitution will be voted upon, an amendment relative to the admission of juniors to membership.

The entertainment for the evening will be a contest for medals given by the President, the entries to be any two British Colonies which have issued 25 or more major varieties. Straight adhesive postage stamps only, are to be counted. Completeness will count 50%, condition 30%, and neatness and arrangement 20%, rarity not to be considered. Exhibits must be left with Mr. Barker, at the Hub Stamp Co., 345A Washington St., before 3 p. m. on the day of the meeting, June 19.

There will be the usual informal dinner at 6 p. m., and an auction after the business meeting will be held as usual.

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LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MAY, 1917.

There has been received since the last report the following:

By Purchase—Russian Rural Stamp by Herrick.

By Donation—Year Book N. P. S. from the Society. Drew's Auction Catalogues, Nos. 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, 266, 267, 269, 270, 271, 272, 274, 276, 279, 280, 282, 283, 287, 288, 289, 290, Bartel's 60th sale and Mozian's 13th sale, all priced, from A. P. Brown. 61 odd numbers of magazines and 11 unpriced auction catalogues from A. W. Dunning. Check list of Nesbit Issues from J. M. Bartels Co. 134 odd numbers of magazines from A. P. Brown. The U. S. 3c green 1870-1887, by H. L. Wiley; U. S. Grills, by Wm. L. Stevenson; U. S. Dept. Stamps, by Frank E. Goodwin; The Dealer and his Stamps, by Bill Bloss; Stamps of the Canal Zone, by Dr. Wm. Evans; Postage Stamps and Stationery of the Hawaiian Islands by Luff, Howes and Richards; Range Tales, by Edwin B. Hill; Cook Islands, by B. W. H. Poole; Specialized U. S., by Frank E. Goodwin; How to Deal in Stamps, by Grant, Wylie and Smith; Stamp Collectors Guide, by B. W. H. Poole; U. S. Stamped Envelopes 1853-1913, by Barrett & Bartels; Virgin Islands, by R. E. R. Dalwick; Parcel Post Stamps, Stamp Booklets and Postal Savings Stamps, by H. L. Wiley; Stamps of the German States, by B. W. H. Poole; Postage Stamps of Gambia, by R. E. R. Dalwick; Stamps of Egypt, by R. E. R. Dalwick; Stamps of Canada, by B. W. H. Poole; Stamps of Oaxaca by Roderick Enfield; Germany and its Colonies, by B. W. H. Poole; all from W. O. Wylie. Catalogue of the 2nd Annual Exhibition and Bazaar, Lynn, 1917, Year Book Lynn Philatelic Society 1917, from E. L. Clark. The Charms of Stamp Collecting, from W. O. Wylie.

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The result was the *blued,* commonly known as the "blue safety" paper.

A trial was also made of a similar chemically surfaced paper, highly burnished, but without the addition of the potassium ferri-cyanide. It was so treated as to give the appearance of a very thick paper. These varieties are very rare, and are only known to occur on the "large garter" watermarked paper.

For the production of these stamps, both "Safety" treated and plain white paper was used with three types of the garter watermark, known as small, large and medium. The two latter are very similar in size and often cause confusion where portions of the cancellation cover the main points of difference. The 4p blue safety paper is one of the few stamps affected by benzine. It seems to have a bleaching effect on those portions of the stamps that are cancelled. Probably some sort of chemical action of the cancelling ink on the prepared paper causes discoloration due to certain properties of the benzine.

Little trouble should be experienced in distinguishing the "small and medium" garters of the safety paper variety as it does not occur with the large garter watermark. The chief points of difference between the medium and large watermarks are the buckles and centers of the garter.

Both varieties of the blue safety paper are printed in a very deep crimson and a carmine. The *white burnished* safety paper occurs only in the latter color, whilst the ordinary paper varieties occur in both carmine and rose color. The variety of the 4p on "blue paper" is more than probable one that has missed the alkaline treatment, or it has been poorly applied, thus giving the blue coloring without the "chalky" surface effect.

After the white safety paper, the ordinary paper small garter, is the scarcest of the issue.

Check List:

1855-56. Perf. 14. Blue Safety paper, Wmkd. small garter.
4p deep crimson.
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4p pale carmine.
4p rose.
Ordinary paper, Wmkd. large garter.
4p pale carmine.
4p rose.



4p 1855.



6p 1856.

The success of the first surface printed stamps, together with their cheapness, resulted in the contract for the two values, sixpence and one shilling, also being given to De La Rue & Co. Quantities were being used, and the government printers were severely taxed to turn out by the old die-stamping method a sufficient supply.

The first of these two values appeared towards the fall of 1856, and were not dissimilar in design to the first fourpenny. They were, however, printed on paper watermarked with the National Emblems of England (the Rose repeated in the upper corners), Scotland (the Thistle in the lower left corner seen from the back of the stamp) and Ireland (the Shamrock in the remaining corner). Probably in those days the Daffodil was not sufficiently recognised as emblematical of the Principality of Wales, which is represented by one of the Roses. It is not true, as suggested by a writer many years ago, that the two roses stood for the Kingly houses of Lancaster and York, the Red Rose and the White Rose of Civil Wars.

Trials were made on the blued paper, and stamps were issued. These are rarer than the catalogue would have us to suppose from the prices quoted. The stamps remained in use only four years, but during that short period went through a variety of shades. Copies apparently imperforate at one side, are from the margins of the sheets and have been cut between the stamp and the perforation.

Check List:

1856-62. Perf. 14. Wmk. Emblems.
6p purple.
6p lilac purple.
6p deep lilac.
6p pale lilac.
1sh very deep green.
1sh deep green.
1sh pale green.
1sh apple green.

The contract for the ½, 1 and 2p stamps had already been let for a number of years to Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., else no doubt Messrs. De La Rue would have secured orders for those values. It was decided to issue two new values, 3 pence and 9 pence, and also add the check lettering in the corners of the other values and thus minimize the faking of uncancelled portions of different stamps to make up an uncancelled whole. Thus a new set of five stamps appeared during 1862, at different dates, the fourpenny and ninepenny being the first to appear in January, the sixpenny and shilling in December, and the threepenny in May.

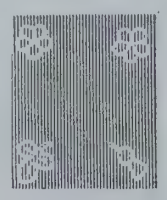


3p 1862.



9p 1862.

The former value (4p) is known to have been issued imperforate. There are also numerous varieties of hair-lines, dots, and circles. The 4p, 6p and 9p have the variety of a diagonal uncolored, or hair-line, across the colored square containing the check letter. The 3p has a white spot in the ornamental scroll work at the side in the triangular shaped ends of the ribbon bearing the word "Postage." This variety is extremely rare used, and in unused condition ranks among the world's rarities. In the 1 shilling value, the stamp lettered D—K, K—D, the lower corner K has a white circle round it, probably caused by the letter die punch. All these values, as in the preceding issue, have wide margins at the sides of the panes or sheets. All



are on Emblems paper except the 4p, which is watermarked Large Garter.

Check List:

1862-65. Perf. 14. Wmk. large garter.
4p bright red.
4p bright red, hair lines across letter blocks.
4p pale red.
4p pale red, hair lines across letter blocks.

1862-1865. Perf. 14. Wmk. Emblems.
3p carmine.
3p bright rose.
3p pale rose.
3p rose variety with white dots.
6p deep lilac.
6p lilac.
6p lilac, hair lines across letter blocks.
9p bistre.
9p brown-bistre.
9p brown-bistre, hair lines across letter blocks.
1sh deep green.
1sh green.
1sh green with letter K in white circle.
1sh pale green.

Several values are known imperforate, but were probably from proof sheets. A variety of the 3p with a network shading of the ornaments containing the check letters was prepared, but never got beyond the "Specimen" stage.

The whole of the issue was reengraved in 1865, and a new surface printed value, 10p, added. The chief alterations were the addition of the plate numbers and enlarged check letters. The plate numbers were inserted above the lower check letters in the 6p, 9p and 10p in the center of the right and left margins of the 3p and 1 shilling and just under the upper check letters of the 4p values.

A new paper watermarked with a rose-spray had been prepared, but as a quantity of the old Emblems paper remained on hand, a first issue was made on the latter paper.

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1883, 2sh 6p lilac, used ..... .10
1884, ½p, 1½p, 2½p, used ..... .15
5p green, used ..... .10
6p green, used ..... .10
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Check List:

1865. Same designs and watermarks as previous issue, Perf. 14, but with enlarged white check letters, and plate numbers added.
3p rose, plate 4.
4p pale orange-vermilion to deep vermilion, plates 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
6p both plates in deep lilac and lilac, plates 5, 6.
9p bistre-brown, plates 4, 5.
10p red-brown, plate 1.
1sh green, plate 4.

Commencing in 1867 (and onwards as they were required) all the 1865 types, with the exception of the 4p value, were reprinted on the new "rose spray" watermarked paper, and a new value, two shillings, was added to the set in the same year. A slight modification was made in the 6p value in 1869, by removing the hyphen between the words of value, SIX-PENCE, from plate number 8, onwards. Three years later the same



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value was changed in color from purple to several shades of brown. Evidently the authorities were not satisfied, as a year later they again altered the color of this value to gray. Some authorities include the 2sh brown in this issue, but though printed on the rose spray paper and of the design of the 2sh blue of 1867, it rightly belongs to the issues of 1880.





For many years it was believed that plate 10 was prepared, but never issued. This has however been disproved by a recent find of a copy posted at Weymouth to a person in Italy, dated 1869, therefore going much to prove that plate No. 9, registered in 1870, was probably also issued in 1869, together with plate 8.

Check List:

1867-1873. Perf. 14. Wmk. spray.
3p rose, plates 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
6p lilac to deep violet, plate 6.
6p violet or mauve, hyphen between words of value removed, plates 8, 9, 10.
6p deep chestnut brown to buff-brown, plates 11, 12.
6p grey, plate 12.
9p bistre-brown, plate 4.
10p red-brown, plate 1.
10p pale red-brown, plate 1.
10p red-brown, plate 2.
1sh green, plates 4, 5, 6, 7.
2sh pale to deep blue, plates 1, 3.

The 10p, plate 2, and 2sh, plate 3, were probably never issued to the public, but are known unused.

(To be continued.)

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BOUTON'S POST.—A local post of the United States operating in 1846-48, but at what city I have been unable to discover. A number of different 2c postage stamps were issued in connection with this post, some being inscribed "City Dispatch Post", another "Manhattan Express", and another (without any expression of value) "Franklin City Dispatch Post".

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BRANDSLAKE, W.—An engraver who produced the dies for the 1875 and 1889 stamps of Finland.

BRATTLEBORO'.—A town in the state of Vermont having a population of over 6,000. It is philatelically famous from the fact that in 1846, its then Postmaster issued a special 5c stamp to facilitate the prepayment of postage. This label continued in use until August, 1847, when it was superseded by the government issue.

BRAUNSCHWEIG.—The German form for Brunswick as shown upon the stamps issued in that State.

BRAZIL.—The largest state in South America. It is officially styled the "Republic dos Estados Unidos de Brazil"—Republic of the United States of Brazil. It has an area of 3,218,166 square miles and a population of over fifteen millions. The people are of various races and include more than a million "wild" Indians and other uncivilised tribes. The country was discovered in 1500, by the Portuguese navigator, Pedro Alvarez Cabral, who named it Tierra da Vera Cruz, and claimed it for the Portuguese. From that time until 1889 (except from 1580 to 1661) Brazil was governed by the Portuguese royal house. In 1808, the prince regent of Portugal, Joso VI, transferred his court to Rio de Janiero, and Brazil became an independent empire. On Nov. 15th, 1889, a republic was proclaimed during a bloodless revolution which drove the reigning monarch, Dom Pedro II, from the throne, and with him the house of Braganza was banished. On February 24th, 1891, a new Constitution was voted by the Constituent Assembly by which the President's term of office was fixed at four years; Church and State were separated, civil marriages only made legal, and education secularised. The legislative power is in the hands of two chambers—the Senate of 63 members, and the Chamber of Deputies with 212 members. The first Brazilian postage stamps were issued on July 1st, 1843.

BREHMER, M.—The chief engraver to the Hanoverian mint who engraved the dies used in the production of the 1859 stamps of Hanover.

BREMEN.—One of the three states of the German Empire, lying between Hanover and Oldenburg, having an area of 99 square miles and a population of nearly 300,000. It sends one representative to the Imperial Diet and has one vote in the Imperial Council. The state and town of Bremen form a democratic republic governed by a senate of sixteen elected members (the executive), presided over by a Burgomaster, and an assembly of 150 citizens (the legislative authority). In 1648, the duchy of Bremen was assigned to Sweden, whence it was sold in 1715 to Hanover, with which it is now incorporated. The first postage stamps for Bremen were issued in 1855 but these were discontinued in January, 1868, when the state joined the North German Confederation.

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EDITORIAL.

Continuous—The errors continue to be the fruitful subject for conversation and speculation wherever philatelists meet. We have accumulated a mass of information about the errors which if not important is not without interest. From many different sections of the country, readers notified us of the recovery of the errors; and many stories connected with the stamps were related to us. Here we quote from our Washington correspondent, on whom we have relied for particulars of the stamps: "I simply could not take the time to secure answers to the questions regarding errors, but I have it on good authority that your figures giving the circulation of the stamp as under 150,000 is correct. Further, it is very likely that the stock of two cent stamps in the vaults here will be examined in order to remove the errors. Postmasters particularly in the large cities are returning a large number of the errors. While it seems certain that there will be enough of the errors to go around, yet they will not become utterly common. When I write next I hope to give you the definite information inquired for."

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Talk—The speculation in the error has been rampant. We saw prices soar and we have seen them decline to an undeserved level, we believe. We are apt to be extremists and the pendulum swings too high then and too low now, so far as prices are under notice. We think that the fascinating qualities of the error will create such a demand for it now and forevermore that it will be almost impossible to depress the price permanently. It was all right to be conservative about the value of the error but we happen to know that some of those who contracted to supply the error in large lots at a low price found to their sorrow that the sources of supply were not inexhaustible.

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Kellogg—It is through the courtesy of *Everybody's Philatelist* that we are enabled to submit a brief sketch of Miner Kilbourne Kellogg, who has succeeded Dodge in philatelic history as the painter of the portrait from which the Jackson head is taken on the two cent black, 1863 issue. We did not succeed in learning heretofore that Mr. Kellogg was born in 1814 and died in 1889 and that first as printer and then as painter he gained renown. His abilities were recognized and commissions were given him by distinguished men of the period for pictures and portraits.

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Staggering—"Give me a block of four stamps of each value through the thirty cent stamp," said a man at the stamp window presided over by the agreeable genius known as the collector's friend, because he will go to any length to accommodate philatelists seeking specimens for their collections: "Wait a minute," said the clerk, "and I can get you well centered blocks." "Never mind," returned the buyer, "I don't care about the centering." Will wonders ever cease? No, wonders will never cease.

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Sad—We cite the amiable postal clerk in his relations to philatelists as the exception; he is and he deserves the qualification of "rare." It is only too apparent that the stamp collector is too often, to use the diplomatic phrase, *persona non grata,* to the man in the post office. We are speaking of the offices in the large cities where the antipathy of the postal clerk may be accounted for on different theories. Undoubtedly, young collectors making demands on clerks at busy times gave clerks the basis for peeves. Again, unreasonable requests are made by collectors, young and old, which are filled only at some inconvenience; and those responsible for the extra effort entailed are not held in loving thought. For all that, the clerk may be a temperamental creature who is not fitted any too well to stand the wear and tear of a siege by the public; and their irritation shown without due provocation makes the freeman he serves, in theory at least, want to fight at the drop of the hat. We suggest that the collector who is intent upon well-centered specimens, blocks, etc., consider well the time and place before making demands; and at the same time, a bottle of soothing syrup would not come amiss for a clerk here and there.

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Advertising—"As I trip along the city pave (i. e., sidewalk) I amuse myself by tossing into the automobiles lined along the curb, auction catalogues, price lists and stamp papers, even the WEEKLY, rather than immure them in the wastebasket. Who knows but that I am a missionary all unsung for fair Philatelia," la, la-ed a caller who sought to exact a toll for his missionary service, but having just subscribed for a Liberty Bond, we could not act as the bursar of the fund for the amelioration for the financially forlorn of philately.

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Bang—Mucha of Moscow (late of Warsaw), one of the brightest of Russia's funny papers, prints a cartoon of a scene in a postal station where the staff of the canceling room is working frenziedly with big hand-cancelers. A picture of Nicked Nic slashed and battered is on the wall. The text reads: "'Why are the staff working so energetically'? asks the onlooker. 'Reason enough! Look at whose picture is on the stamps,' comes the ready reply."

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Colored—Our attention has been directed to the one and two cent present sheet both in coil and in sheet with a coloration on the margins between the stamps. On the stamps in sheet this border is not intentional but is the consequence of a suggestion of color remaining on the raised or blank parts of the plate. However, a coil of the two cent shows a marked characteristic, as the margins between the stamps are covered with tiny veins of color. We suppose that they are nothing to shout about. Under the printing wheels of the rotary press is another wheel covered with a cloth blanket (we suppose) that turns the printed scroll so that it mounts the spool easily. The wheel under the press catches the coil before the stamps are dry and the blanket becomes slightly tinctured with the red color and the shreds of fibre give the silk-thread appearance.

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Mistake—From Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz, Madison, Wis., we have received the following letter: "In looking over a big lot of old pre-stamp time covers I ran across the entire that I am enclosing,—an 'overcharge' letter on which apparently there has been a refund made. It interested me greatly, as I have never seen a similar one." The letter was sent from Manchester, N. Y., to Northampton, Mass., in 1844; and on the envelope is the "25" in the handwriting of the postmark. It is apparent that subsequently the notation, "Overcharged 6¼" was made under this original amount and deducted from it, leaving 18¾ cents. In the many stampless envelopes that we have examined, we do not recall having seen an "overcharge" before.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—F. Ciampolini, 79 Nassau St., N. Y. City, informs us that a valuable lot of stamps was stolen from his office June 11. In the lot was some old U. S., German States, Mexico, Dominican Republic, South and Central America. He offers a reward of $200 for information leading to the arrest of the thief.

—"Note re New Zealand, p. 146:—New Zealand is not in the Australian Commonwealth or in any way connected, being an entirely separate and self governing dominion. The Australian Commonwealth is composed of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, with Papua and N. W. Islands as a dependency."—W. WARD.

—Elmer F. Smith, Pontoosuc, Ill., states that the following collectors fail to reply to communications sent them:—Miss Madeleine Hotchkin, Rutherford, N. J.; James M. Shaw, Paterson, N. J., and Harry Poling, Hambleton, W. Va.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Howard C. Beck, H. Elmer Crede, and I. B. Robinson.

—A rather unusual advertisement will be found in this issue. It announces the auction sale of the Steigerwalt collection of Indian relics. It is very evident that the collector of these interesting relics will find in this sale an opportunity that will be taken advantage of.

—Wedding cards are out announcing the marriage on June 21 of Max Ohlman, the well-known New York dealer. A wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the St. Lawrence, Lake George and Saratoga will follow, and after Sept. 20 Mr. and Mrs. Ohlman will be at home at 551 W. 174 St., N. Y. City. Congratulations and hearty good wishes.

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—Fred Michael, Chicago, has notified us of a theft of stamps at his store. The most distinctive stamps taken were an off centered block of four with the two errors, 5c red at left; and No. 2 of Tuscany. A suitable reward is offered for the return of the stamps.

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TIMOTHY PICKERING of Pennsylvania was appointed Postmaster General by George Washington on August 12, 1791. The Senate confirmed the nomination on November 7. He served until the beginning of 1795, becoming Secretary of War on January 2, 1795.

JOSEPH HABERSHAM of Georgia was appointed Postmaster General on February 25, 1795, by George Washington. The Senate confirmed the appointment on the same day. He continued in this office under Adams and Jefferson until the latter part of 1801, when he resigned to become President, in 1802, of the United States Branch Bank at Savannah, Ga.

GIDEON GRANGER of Connecticut was appointed Postmaster General on November 28, 1801, by President Jefferson. The Senate confirmed the appointment on January 26, 1802. He continued in this office until 1814, being reappointed by Madison.

RETURN JOHNATHAN MEIGS of Ohio was appointed Postmaster General by Madison on March 17, 1814, the Senate confirming the nomination on the same date. He served until 1823, under Monroe. During his term in office, the office of second assistant Postmaster General was created.

JOHN MCLEAN of Ohio was appointed Postmaster General by Monroe on June 26, 1823, the Senate confirming the appointment on December 9, 1823. He served throughout Monroe's term, and was retained by John Quincy Adams and requested to serve by Andrew Jackson. He refused, as he also did the appointments to War and Navy portfolios, accepting finally an associate justiceship of the Supreme Court. He had an extremely satisfactory record as Postmaster General. He endeavored to institute a money order system. (Note. Some authorities give the date of his appointment as March 9, 1823.)

WILLIAM TAYLOR BARRY of Kentucky was appointed Postmaster General by Andrew Jackson on March 9, 1829. Major Barry was a personal friend of Jackson and for that reason Jackson raised this portfolio to a cabinet position to please him. He had very poor administrative faculties and was soon violently attacked in the House of Representatives. He resigned from office on April 10, 1835.

AMOS KENDALL of Kentucky was 4th auditor of the Treasury when appointed Postmaster General by Jackson on May 1st, 1835. (Note. Some authorities say appointment was in June.) Kendall had a great deal of trouble in office, due to a desire to reduce the "graft" in the mail carrying contracts. He was sued by an especially influential contractor, who obtained judgment against him. Not being able to pay the damages, he was imprisoned for debt, being required to stay within the limits of the District of Columbia. The following Congress reestablished his reputation by negativing the suits under which he was imprisoned and also abolished imprisonment for debt in the District of Columbia. He left the Postoffice Department in May, 1840.

JOHN MILTON NILES of Connecticut was appointed Postmaster General on March 25, 1840, (also given as May 19, and May 25, 1840) by Van Buren. While Niles was publisher of the Hartford *Times*, Major B. H. Norton, who was editor of the *Times*, was appointed Postmaster of Hartford. Niles vigorously protested against this appointment and going to Washington, so prevailed upon President Jackson, that he dismissed Norton and appointed Niles as Postmaster of Hartford. The term "Nortonizing" originating with this action, was current for many years.

SELAH R. HOBBIE, the 1st Assistant Postmaster General, was appointed Acting Postmaster General on March 4, 1841, serving in this capacity for two days.

FRANCIS GRANGER of New York, son of Gideon Granger, was appointed Postmaster General by Harrison March 6, 1841. President Tyler retained him, but upon the disruption of Tyler's Cabinet, September 11, 1841, he resigned.

CHARLES A. WICKLIFFE of Kentucky was appointed Postmaster General on September 13, 1841, by Tyler, continuing in this office until March, 1845.

CAVE JOHNSON of Tennessee was appointed Postmaster General on March 5, 1845, by President Polk. During his term of office, postage stamps were first issued by the Government. He retired in March, 1849.

SELAH R. HOBBIE, 1st Assistant Postmaster General, was appointed Postmaster General *ad interim* on March 6, 1849, holding this office until March 8, 1849.

JACOB COLLAMER of Vermont was appointed Postmaster General by Taylor on March 7, 1849, and relinquished the position on July 20, 1850.

NATHAN KELSEY HALL of New York became Postmaster General on July 20, 1850, holding the post until about the middle of 1852, resigning to become the United States district Judge. He had studied law in the office of Millard Fillmore and was appointed by him.

SAMUEL DICKINSON HUBBARD of Connecticut was appointed Postmaster General by Fillmore on August 31, 1852. (Note. His biographers give the date as February 15, 1852.)

JAMES CAMPBELL of Pennsylvania was appointed Postmaster General on March 7, 1853, by Pierce. He retired on March 4, 1857.

AARON VAIL BROWN of Tennessee was appointed Postmaster General by Buchanan on March 6, 1857, the Senate confirming the appointment on the same day. He established the routes over the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, from Memphis and St. Louis to San Francisco and another overland route by way of Salt Lake City. He died in office March 8, 1859, at 9.30 A. M.

HORATIO KING, 1st Assistant Postmaster General, was appointed acting Postmaster General on March 9, 1859, serving until March 14, 1859.

JOSEPH HOLT of Kentucky was appointed Postmaster General on March 14, 1859; at the time of his appointment he was Commissioner of Patents. He served as Postmaster General until December, 1860, retiring to become Secretary of War.

HORATIO KING of Maine, 1st Assistant Postmaster General, was appointed General *ad interim* on January 1, 1861, serving in this capacity until February 12, on which date he was appointed Postmaster General. He became connected with the Department in 1839. In 1850, he was with the foreign mail service; in 1854, he became first assistant Postmaster General. He served in the position of Postmaster General until Lincoln was inagurated March 7, 1861. He instituted the "penalty" envelope.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR of the District of Columbia was appointed Postmaster General by Lincoln on March 7, 1861; he resigned from this office on September 23, 1864. Blair instituted free delivery in large cities, money order system, the assorting and distribution of mail matter on railroad cars. His orders excluding disloyal papers from the mails caused bitter feeling among sympathizers with the South.

WILLIAM DENNISON of Ohio was appointed Postmaster General by Lincoln on September 24, 1864, holding the post until July, 1866.

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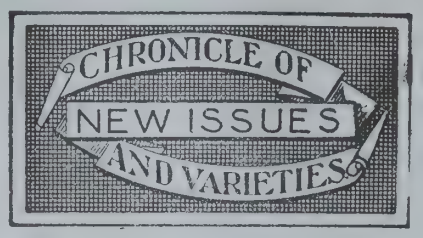
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UNITED STATES.—Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., informs us that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has been printing a large supply of 3c stamps in anticipation of the proposed increase of first class postage rates. This includes the production of 3c coiled vertically from rotary plates and the introduction of 3c stamps in booklet form, also produced from rotary plates. Mr. Severn treated of the 2c rotary printed booklets in an editorial in the issue of June 9th; the 3c booklets will be produced in the same way.

The 3c postage rate will probably cause this value to be issued imperforate, printed from flat plates, to accommodate those firms making their own coils for use in mailing machines, such as the Schermack, Brinkerhoff, etc.

We will likewise probably see the early issue of a new 2c postal card, as well as a 2c + 2c reply postal, to accommodate the new first class postage rate.

And the 3c envelope is also a probability.

(1377)—Mr. D. C. Alexander writes as follows: "I am writing to inform you that I have a 1c Postal Savings envelope surcharged with the penalty clause and printed with the return card of the Post Office Department, Washington, Division of Rural Mails. I haven't seen this mentioned before, and this is the first one of the 1c that I have seen. A peculiar thing in connection with this envelope is that although it has the return card of the Division of Rural Mails, it was used on Liberty Bond business."

ABYSSINIA.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* gives us the following information. On the occasion of the coronation of the new Empress, which took place on February 11 last, the Abyssinian government placed in circulation a special commemorative series. The stamps in current use were overprinted with the values in Amaric characters, the date of the coronation and the name of Her Majesty, the Empress Zeouditou, and at the bottom the date 11-2-1917 in Arabic numerals, all in a frame and printed in violet, probably with a rubber stamp. All the stamps in current use, except the 1g, including the postage dues. Contrary to most commemoratives, this series is not limited to any period of use, on the other hand it replaces the series without overprint, which were not to be available for postage after Mar. 30.

Adhesives.

½g blue-green.
1g rose.
2g blue.
4g green and carmine.
8g vermilion and dull green.
16g vermilion and carmine.

Postage Dues.

Same as the above list, but with the additional overprint of Amaric characters and a large T in a triangle; this set includes the

1g green and orange.

BULGARIA.—*The Philatelic Gazette* states that the U. P. U. has distributed the 1915 issue (Scott's Nos. 116, 118 and 120) together with new values as follows, as yet unlisted, we believe:

Adhesives.

10s brown-red and dark brown.
25s dark blue and black.

(Offices in Roumania.)—From the same source we learn that certain Bulgarian stamps have been overprinted in Bulgarian, "The Bulgarian Posts in Roumania 1916-1917," the wording reading up at the left and the date reading up at the right.

Occupation Stamps.

5s green and violet-brown, red overprint.
10s brown-red and dark brown, blue overprint.
25s dark blue and black, blue overprint.

CAMEROONS—*(British Occupation).*—Mr. J. W. Dickinson writes: "I have a specimen of the Nigeria 1d King George which bears the postmark 'Duala', the capital of the Cameroons. There is no surcharge but evidently these stamps were accepted in payment of postage from the Cameroons."

CANADA.—(1364)—Cancelling machine No. 1 at the Toronto P. O. has discontinued the advertising of War Saving Certificates and now produces the ad. cancellation of the annual "Canadian National Exhibition Toronto," this time with date "Aug. 25—1917—Sep. 10."

CANAL ZONE.—*Stamp Collecting* prints the following: "Mr. Fred Gregory sends us a copy of the 10c black and violet of the 1906-08 issue for Panama, overprinted for the Canal Zone as on the 1909 series and with the additional overprint, diagonally from left to right (reading upwards), of the words "Postage Due" in large Roman type. This is not catalogued, neither have we any record of its issue, so that it is presumably bogus. Our correspondent tells us that it reached him from a friend in Barbados, with a number of other Canal Zone stamps, about two years ago. At that time many Barbados laborers were working on the Canal works."

Our contemporary wishes to hear of further information about the stamp. We beg to suggest that the words "Postage Due" is not an overprint in the true sense of the word as used by philatelists, but the result of a hand stamp which is applied to mail on which postage is due, not only in the Canal Zone, but in the United States as well. Sometimes this is used for cancelling purposes on due stamps placed on unpaid mail. At the time the above mentioned 10c stamp received this handstamp, the Canal Zone did not have postage due stamps, but used the regular postage stamps as due stamps on short paid and unpaid mail, and in this particular case the stamp was cancelled with the handstamp "Postage Due." We would be pleased to know, from one of our Canal Zone subscribers, if our surmise is the correct solution of the problem put before stamp collectors by *Stamp Collecting.*

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—*Stamp Collecting* states, on the authority of Mr. A. C. Roessler, that the current 1d postage stamp was overprinted early in April, for use as a War stamp.

CHILE.—(1375)—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* chronicles the new surface-printed 50c, portrait of Errazuriz.

Adhesive.

50c green and black.

ERITREA.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* chronicles the Italian 10 Lire, 1911 issue, overprinted "Eritrea" for use in this colony.

Adhesive.

10l green and red, black overprint.

FRANCE.—(1370)—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* states that the 5c, 10c, 15c, 30c, 40c and 50c have so far appeared on the inferior paper, and that some of the postage dues have also been printed on this paper. We have seen the 5c and 10c postage on this poor quality paper and after examining them we find that the paper is quite dull, has a dirty appearance and that the mesh (weave) is very coarse. Once seen, easy to distinguish.

A new Red Cross stamp, 15c + 5c, is in preparation, and M. Louis Dumoulin has been selected to have charge of the designing and engraving, which will include a picture of the recently torpedoed Hospital Ship "Asturia."

FRENCH MOROCCO.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* chronicles additions to the current set, made necessary by the changes in the postal rates which recently went into effect in France and the Colonies. The 15c is Scott's type A2 and the 40c is type A3, while the postage due is type D1.

Adhesives.

15c yellow-orange.
40c red and blue.

Postage Due.

30 on 30c rose.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*(Offices in the Levant.)*—Mr. J. W. Dickinson informs us that he has a copy of Great Britain 1d No. 160, used from Salonica without any surcharge.

INDO-CHINA.—(1360)—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* chronicles the 15c of the 1907 issue (current) surcharged with a supplementary value and red cross.

Red Cross Stamp.

15c+5c violet and black.

ITALY.—*(Post Offices in the Levant).*—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* states that the new Italian 20c orange has been overprinted "Rodi" for the island of that name, and that the twelve other Turkish islands occupied by the Italians will probably be supplied with this stamp similarly overprinted with their respective names.

Adhesive.

20c orange, overprinted "Rodi".

(Post Offices in Tripoli).—The same publication chronicles the 45c of the 1901 series of Italy (Scott's A45) overprinted for use in Libia.

Adhesive.

45c olive, overprinted "Libia".

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY.—The governor of this company has asked for authority to surcharge several stamps with a "Red Cross" and supplementary value, the returns from the sale of these to be divided equally between the English, French and Portuguese societies, states *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste.*

NORTH WEST PACIFIC ISLANDS.—Mr. John Boris writes: "In looking over my set of North West Pacific Islands stamps, I find the 2sh Kangaroo type with inverted watermark." Under "Australia" in the Chronicle of March 3, 1917, a list of the Australian kangaroo type stamps with inverted watermark was given, and this included the 2sh with the type III wmk. (narrow crown over A). Six thousand 2sh stamps with the type III wmk. were overprinted "N. W. Pacific Islands," but the quantity of these with inverted wmk. is indeterminable. Of the type II wmk. (Tudor crown over narrow A), 3000 2sh stamps were overprinted for the N. W. Pacific Islands. We would be pleased to hear which wmk. Mr. Boris' stamp has.

NYASALAND.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* states that a 1d envelope has been issued for this colony. It is 133 x 106 mm. in size and bears, in relief, a stamp with head of King George V.

Envelope.

1d carmine on cream.

NYASSA.—*The Philatelic Gazette* states that the U. P. U. has distributed new postal cards for this Portuguese colony.

Postal Cards.

1c green.
2c red.

PANAMA.—(1371)—Mr. Frank E. Greene, in an article in *The Stamp Trade,* states: "Another error is reported on the first Registered stamp (on No. 190). A large "5" almost twice the size of the regular "5" and it apparently is very scarce. The writer has seen one copy only."

PHILIPPINES.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* is our authority for stating that a "national" stamp of 2-centavos will be issued with a portrait of Osmena, and it will be obligatory in use, in addition to the regular postage, on all letters handled by the country. The money thus raised, states our authority (equally with other stamps of other values, which will be for fiscal use only), will be used for the defense of the Islands."

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ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON.—The current 10c stamp has been overprinted "Colis Postaux" for use as a Postal Packet stamp.

Postal Packet Stamp.
10c rose and red, black overprint.

ST. VINCENT. — (1380) — Mr. Eugene Klein has shown us a new issue of locally printed War Stamps for this colony. The new issue is similar to the earlier locally printed ones, the type being apparently the same, but the spacing between the words "War" and "Stamp" is 3½ mm. instead of the narrower spacing, 1½ and 2½ mm. There are no varieties of any consequence, there being periods after "Stamp" throughout. We will quote *Marsh's Weekly Philatelist* regarding the first issue as follows:

"We do not believe that it has yet been recorded that there were three distinct and separate printings of the locally printed War Stamp. Each printing was made on two stamps only at a time, and was, we believe, applied by a hand-stamp. All three printings were made upon the stamps printed on thick paper and perforated (14) with a single line machine.

"1st Printing.—The 1st stamp of each pair has a comma after the word 'Stamp' in place of a full stop (period); the distance between the two lines is 2½ mm.

"2nd Printing.—Similar to the first, but both stamps have a full stop after the word 'Stamp'. This printing is known showing double overprint.

"3rd Printing.—Similar to the second, but the lines are only 1½ mm. apart. This printing is also known showing double overprint. Our experienc has been that the stamps of the 2nd printing are the ones usually met with, and those of the third are the scarcest."

The list of the St. Vincent War Stamps is therefore as follows:

War Stamps.
1d carmine, 2½ mm. space, comma.
1d carmine, 2½ mm. space, period.
a. double overprint.
1d carmine, 1½ mm. space, period.
a. double overprint.
1d carmine, single line London print.
1d carmine, 3½ mm. space, period.

A collection of pairs showing all five printings is interesting.

SAMOA.—*Stamp Collecting* chronicles the G.R.I. ½d on 5pf green with double overprint—"a variety which must be extremely rare, if not unique."

SALVADOR.—This country has issued a new series of Official stamps, according to *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste.* The design of the postage stamp of 1907 (Scott's type A66) has been utilized, printed in new colors, same as the Official stamps of 1915, and overprinted with an S.

Official Stamps.
1c gray-green.
2c vermilion.
5c sky-blue.
6c light blue.
10c yellow.
12c red-brown.
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ZANZIBAR. — *The Colonial Journal* states that the 50c value has now been supplied printed on the multiple crown and CA paper.

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STAMP SOCIETY NEWS.

At the meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society June 12 blocks containing the new 5c red were shown, purchased at face from postmasters. A. B. Slater of Slocum exhibited the original plate from which the Providence Post Office stamps were printed. The plate showed that an additional row of stamps was contemplated on the left, the borders only being engraved. Mr. Slater explained that it was intended to make the face value of the whole plate equal $1, but as this would leave no margin of profit to cover printing, etc., the additional row was not completed.

At the last meeting of the New York Stamp Society the A. P. S. nominations of Philadelphia Branch No. 18 were approved. Dr. L. M. Homburger showed his fine collection of Mexican revenues.

The Brooklyn Branch No. 6 of the N. P. S. held a competitive stamp display June 6. The judges were Prof. J. B. Chittenden, John L. Straub and A. J. Stark. First prize, E. Weiss; second prize, F. Reed. Prof. Chittenden showed his specialized collection of Mexico 1874-83, some thousand stamps from the different states.

The Cincinnati Philatelic Society has been able to contribute $50 for the benefit of the American Red Cross and holds the honor of being the first society to have a stamp auction of this kind. June 12 the Society held its meeting at the home of Stanley B. Ashbrook and it was a banner meeting in that the members had the privilege of inspecting Mr. Ashbrook's highly specialized U. S. collection, one of the finest of its kind in the country. It is rich in cancellations, shades and varieties in the early issues.

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BRIGG'S DESPATCH.—A local post of the United States operating in 1848 and in connection with which several labels were issued, all of which are now of considerable value.

BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.—The Canadian branch of the American Bank Note Co., of New York. It was established first at Ottawa and then at Montreal, nearly all the Canadian stamps issued since 1868 have been designed, engraved and printed by this concern.

BRENDLER & MARKLOWSKY.—A firm of engravers at Vienna who engraved the dies for the 1867 stamps of Austria.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—The southern portion of Bechuanaland, which is now included in the Cape of Good Hope. It has an area of 51,500 square miles and a population of about 85,000, of whom only one-eighth are whites. It was annexed by Great Britain in 1885 and ten years later was transferred to Cape Colony. Its chief town is Mafeking, noted for its prolonged siege during the last Boer war. Postage stamps for use here were first issued in February, 1886.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—A vast territory under British protection in south Central Africa, most of which is administered by the British South Africa Company, this portion being officially known as N. E. and N. W. Rhodesia. The remainder, which is under direct Imperial control, comprises the eastern part, which was, until July, 1907, known as the British Central Africa Protectorate. It was originally known as Nyasaland, and in 1907 the old name was reverted to the territory being officially designated the Nyasaland Protectorate. The control of this district, with which we are now concerned, was transferred from the Colonial Office to the Foreign Office on April 1st, 1904. The population consists of about 950,000 natives and 600 Europeans, while its area is 42,217 square miles. The chief town is Blantyre. At Chinde, at the mouth of the Zambesi River, a piece of Portuguese territory is leased so that goods intended for the Protectorate may be transhipped free of duty. Postage stamps for use here were first issued in April, 1891, and in July, 1907, the first stamps inscribed Nyasaland Protectorate made their appearance.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—A province of the Dominion of Canada, bounded on the east by the Rocky Mountains, on the south by the United States, on the west by the Pacific Ocean and Alaska, and on the north by the 60th parallel of N. latitude. Its area of 312,030 square miles included the former Crown colony of Vancouver Island (area, 14,000 square miles). In 1866, the two colonies were united, and in 1871 they were admitted into the Dominion as the province of British Columbia. A special stamp for the use of both colonies was issued in 1861, and from November 1st, 1865, until it entered the Dominion of Canada, British Columbia had its own distinctive stamps.

BRITISH CONSULAR MAIL.—A post established at Antananarivo, Madagascar, by the then British Vice-Consul in March, 1884. Special stamps were issued in connection with this post, these having the distinction of being the largest postal labels known. These stamps prepaid mail matter sent to Port Louis (Mauritius) or Reunion. The post was suppressed in 1887.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—An enormous tract of territory on the east coast of Africa under British protection. The Imperial British East Africa Company was incorporated by Royal Charter, dated September 3rd, 1888, and under the control of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, this Company exercised sovereign jurisdiction over the territories leased to it by the Sultan of Zanzibar or acquired by treaties entered into with native chiefs. A British protectorate was formally established on June 18th, 1895, and on the first day of the following month the Company handed over the administration of the country to the Imperial authorities. These territories are now comprised under the name of the East Africa Protectorate, the administration being carried on by the Colonial Office. Mombasa is the capital of the protectorate and possesses the finest harbor on the east African coast. The total population exceeds four millions. Postage stamps were first issued in 1890, and in 1903 the distinctive British East Africa stamps were superseded by a general issue for the East Africa and Uganda Protectorates, which are now amalgamated for postal purposes.

BRITISH GUIANA.—A British Colony on the north coast of South America having an area of about 120,000 square miles. The disputed boundary towards Brazil was settled by the arbitration of the King of Italy in 1904, the greater portion of the land in dispute being awarded to Great Britain. The inhabitants are chiefly Portuguese from Madeira, negroes, Hindu coolies and Chinese. Besides these there are about 8,000 Caribs, Arawaks, and other aboriginals, the total population being less than 300,000. British Guiana is a Crown Colony of which the old settlements of Demerara, Essiquibo and Berbice are counties. The Dutch first settled on the Pomeroon river early in the seventeenth century. The British were in possession of this colony from 1781 to 1783, again from 1796 to 1802, and lastly from 1803 to 1814, when the present colony was formed, except that Berbice was administered separately until 1831. The first postage stamps for British Guiana were issued on July 1st, 1850.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A British colony on the east coast of Central America, between the Mexican State of Yucatan and Guatemala. It has an area of about 7,562 square miles and a population of more than 40,000. The country consists chiefly of primeval forests, with savannahs and so-called "pine-ridges" which are open, sandy plains covered with a wiry grass and dotted with palm trees. It is governed as a Crown colony and first issued postage stamps in January, 1866.

BRITISH INLAND MAIL.—A local post established in Madagascar in January, 1895, for the conveyance of letters between the capital, Antananarivo, and the port of Vatomandry. Opinion is divided as to whether this post was of a semi-official character or simply a speculation on the part of a syndicate in Antananarivo. Two sets of stamps were printed in connection with this Mail, one in January and one in March, 1895, and the post was suppressed in the following September when the French entered Antananarivo.

BRITISH LEVANT.—The name applied by philatelists to designate the British Consular Post-offices maintained in certain towns in the Ottoman Empire. At first ordinary unsurcharged British stamps were used in these offices, but on April 1st, 1885, the values in most general use were surcharged with their corresponding denominations in Turkish currency. In 1905, a number of the then current British stamps were overprinted "LEVANT" for use in these offices.

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The first people mentioned in the history of Arabia is the Sabæans and this nation ruled Arabia from 950 B. C. until 525 B. C. A queen of this people, the "Queen of Sheba," is said to have visited Solomon. The conquest of Egypt by the Persian King Cambysses at 525 B. C. paved the way for the conquest of Arabia which was organized as a satrapy called "Arabaya" by Darius Hystaspis. About 115 B. C. the power passed to the Himyarites and the title taken by the new rulers was "King of Saba and Raidan." In the year 24 B. C., the Roman emperor Augustus sent Aelius Gallus with his ally the Nabathean King Obodas, against the Arabian power, but their invasion was a failure.

The independence of Arabia was practically ended by the Persian conquest in A. D. 570, but about the time when the end came Mohammed the Arabian prophet was born in Mecca, A. D. 571. This man was destined to weld together all Arabia and by a new religious faith and a new political organization, to destroy the Persian empire, and all but annihilate the paganism and religion of Zoroaster. Mohammed, through the teaching of Islam, was able to unite the entire Arabian peninsula under his rule. Arabia enjoyed the most prosperous period of its history during the reign of Mohammed and his successors under whom Syria, Egypt, Persia and a great part of the Greek Empire of Constantinople was conquered. At 717 a fleet of eighteen hundred vessels took on board the Arabian army and transported it to Europe. This army appeared under the walls of Constantinople but the Greek fire prevailed against the Arabs. Their formidable fleet was destroyed by this terrible engine of war and the army was decimated by famine, a hundred thousand men perished miserably under the walls of the city and the remnants of this powerful army were defeated by the Greeks. Then the tide of Arabian conquest swept westward through the whole of Northern Africa, Sicily and Spain and was about to engulf ancient France when it was arrested by the mighty French army under Charles Martel at Poitiers in 732.

The Arabian dominion in Spain lasted 800 years until 1492 when the "two kings" (as they were called) Ferdinand and Isabella, after a ten years' war, conquered Granada the capital and the last Arabian stronghold in Spain.

Selim I, the Turkish Sultan conquered Egypt and Arabia in 1517, and from this time Arabia lost again its independence and became a Turkish province under the name of Hejaz. Toward the beginning of the seventeenth century there appeared in Arabia a new prophet, Mohammed ibn Abdul Wahab, who claimed to be a reformer of the Islam. Under his successors a serious revolt broke out in Arabia in 1803, known as the Wahabite revolt. Mecca was captured and sacked by the Wahabites. The Turkish Sultan appointed Mohammed Ali the governor of Egypt to quell the revolt and Mohammed Ali sent his son Ibrahim pasha to cope with this power and in 1813 the Wahabites were defeated and driven out from Mecca and the other Arabian cities.

In 1916, the Arabs headed by the Grand Sherif of Mecca, El Hussein ibn Ali, the direct descendant of Mohammed revolted against Turkey, defeated the Turkish army of Hejaz, and at June 22, 1916, Abdullah, the son of Grand Sherif leading the victorious Arabs, captured Mecca, the capital of Hejaz, and the sacred city of the Mohammedan world. The Grand Sherif proclaimed Arabia's independence on June 27, 1916, at Mecca, joined the Allies in their struggle against the Turks and the Central Empires and in a few months he succeeded in capturing all the principal cities of Arabia, including Jedda and the other cities on the Red Sea coast. Since then, he began to rule this section of Arabia under the title of Suleiman I, King of Hejaz.

In September, 1916, the French and British governments recognized the independence of the new Arabian Kingdom and sent a delegation of English and French Mohammedans to congratulate the new ruler and to convey to him a large amount of money to aid his fighting against the common foe.

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section by sentencing the women, the children and the harmless people to death by hanging and forced labor, the Arabian government on December 2, 1916, sent a communication of protest to the United States and to the other neutrals against the inhuman crimes of the Turkish government. This communication was signed by Fuad el Khatib, Secretary of foreign affairs of the new Kingdom.

In 1916, the Arabian government of Hejaz issued at first a set of three postage stamps of ¼ piastre green, ½ piastre red and 1 piastre blue, all perforated. After some time the government issued a new set of the same three values, colors and types which instead of being perforated are finely rouletted and more carefully typographed on white wove paper.

The ¼ piastre value, equivalent to 1 cent, is green, and its design shows a central label into which the inscription "Mekkat-el-Mukarama" (Mecca the Holy) is written with the Arabian caligraphy. Just below this inscription is the date of Hegira 1334 in Arabic numerals which corresponds to 1916, the year of Arabia's liberation. In the upper right side is the inscription, "Baridi" (Post) and on the upper left is "Hejazi" (Hejaz). In the lower right is "Rubh" (quarter) and in the lower left is "qersh" (piastre). The Arabesque ornament of this design is taken from the entrance of the main gate of the sacred Kaaba at Mecca. This structure from the earliest time had been a place of pilgrimage for the peoples of Arabia. In the great fairs at Mecca the first steps toward Arab unity were made. These annual meetings were marked by the celebration of athletic games and poetic contests and possessed a religious character similar to the Olympian games of ancient Greece with which they may also be compared for their effect upon the building up of the Arabian nationality. All non-Mohammedans are strictly prohibited from visiting Kaaba and the sacred territory.

The ½ piastre value, equivalent to 2 cents, is red and its design consists of a central circle into which the inscription, "Mekkat-el-Mukarama" (Mecca the Holy) and beneath this inscription the date 1334, is written. In the upper side of this circle inclosed within a semicircle is the inscription, "Baridi Hejazi", (Hejaz Post) and in the lower side within another semi-circle is the inscription, "Nissif qersh" (Half piastre). The Arabesque ornament of the background is taken from the entrance gateway of the mosque of Ahmed ibn Talun at Cairo, which dates from A. D. 819.

The 1 piastre value, equivalent to 4 cents, is in blue and its design consists of an hexagonal band inscribed "Mekkat el Mukarama," (Mecca the Holy).

The upper inscription is "Baridi Hejazi" (Hejaz Post) and the lower "Qersh sagh" (One piastre). There are two oval bands on the left and right side of this stamp bearing the date 1334. In the corners are four circles of whom the two lower circles contains the Arabic numeral 1. The Arabesque ornament of the design is taken from "Bab-el-Salam", the principal gate of the mosque of Prophet built at 631, which is the only important building and the glory of Medina, the second sacred Mohammedan city.

On February, 1917, a new value of ⅛ piastre was added to accommodate a rate for printed matter. This stamp is in orange and its design shows a central hexagon bearing the inscription "Mekkat el Mukarama" (Mecca the Holy). The upper inscription is "Baridi Hejazi" (Hejaz Post) and the lower "Thumn quersh" (Eighth of a piastre). There is no date on this stamp. The Arabesque ornament of this design is taken from the last page of the Koran, the sacred book of the Mohammedans.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

IONIAN ISLANDS DOUBLE TRANSFER.

By PERCY MCG. MANN.

Not so very long ago, I had several sets of the Ionian Islands stamps and disposed of a set to one of our hobby's specialists. For some reason or other, the set was returned to me. Taking the stamps up to look at them, I discovered that the blue 1-penny was a beautiful example of a double transfer. The stamp can be identified easily by the double line at bottom and by the double oval line at left where the second line joins the bottoms of the Greek letters to the left of the oval containing the vignette of Queen Victoria. The double transfer, sometimes called a "shift", is toward the left and bottom. I have since learned that the variety occurs once only in the sheet, and therefore it is a comparatively scarce item. Occurring on the blue stamp, it also occurs on the yellow, and on the lake stamps, because all three colors were printed from the same plate. In fact a Philadelphia dealer located a copy of the yellow ½-penny stamp with the double transfer.

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Order No. 434.

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	5c green and brown, used	.02
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

OUR POSTMASTER GENERALS.

By R. McP. CABEEN.

(*Continued from page 209*)

ALEXANDER WILLIAM RANDALL of Wisconsin, while 1st Assistant Postmaster General was appointed acting Postmaster General on July 17, 1866. On July 25, 1866, he was appointed Postmaster General and served through Johnson's administration.

JOHN A. J. CRESWELL of Maryland was appointed Postmaster General by Grant on March 5, 1869, serving five years and four months, becoming counsel for the United States in connection with the Alabama claims on June 22, 1874. A few days later he resigned as Postmaster General and served in the position of Counsel until December 21, 1876.

JAMES W. MARSHALL of Virginia was appointed Postmaster General *ad interim* on July 3, 1874. In 1869, Marshall became First Assistant Postmaster General and served until 1877, except for the brief time he was acting Postmaster General. In 1877, he served as General Superintendent of Railway Mail Service.

MARSHALL JEWELL of Connecticut was appointed Postmaster General on August 24, 1874, and accepted in September, 1874. He resigned in July, 1876. Previous to his appointment he had been Governor of Connecticut.

JAMES NOBLE TYNER of Indiana was appointed Postmaster General on July 12, 1876, serving until April, 1877. He was a special agent of the Post Office Department during the Civil War. In 1875, he was appointed second assistant Postmaster General by Grant. Between April, 1877, and October, 1881, he was first assistant Postmaster General, resigning on that date. In 1878, he was the United States Delegate to the International Postal Congress.

DAVID MCKENDREE KEY of Tennessee was appointed Postmaster General by Hayes on March 12, 1877. Key was a Lieutenant Colonel in a Tennessee Regiment of the Confederate Army, but had received a "free pardon" from Andrew Jackson. He served as Postmaster General until June, 1880, retiring to become a circuit Judge.

HORACE MAYNARD of Tennessee became Postmaster General on June 2, 1880 (also given as August 25, 1880), serving until the end of the Presidential term.

THOMAS LEMUEL JAMES of New York became Postmaster General on March 5, 1881, being appointed by Garfield. He was appointed Postmaster of New York on March 17, 1873; in 1880, he was offered the office of Postmaster General under Hayes when Key was transferred, but he declined. He very effectively cleaned up the Department by cutting off dishonest mail routes, etc. He was continued in office by Arthur, but resigned on January 4, 1882, to become President of the Lincoln National Bank in New York City, early in January, 1882.

TIMOTHY OTIS HOWE was appointed Postmaster General by Arthur on December 20, 1881. In 1881, he was delegate to the International Monetary Conference in Paris. Howe died in office March, 25, 1883.

FRANK HATTON 1st assistant Postmaster General, became Acting Postmaster General on March 26, 1883, after the death of Howe, serving until April 3, 1883.

WALTER QUINTON GRESHAM of Indiana was appointed Postmaster General by Arthur on April 3, 1883. At that time he was Judge of the United States District Court of Indiana. Upon the death of Judge Folger, the Secretary of the Treasury, on September 4, 1884, Gresham resigned his office to become Secretary of the Treasury. He held this position until December, 1884, becoming United States Circuit Judge of the Seventh Judicial District.

FRANK HATTON of Iowa, 1st assistant Postmaster General, was appointed Acting Postmaster General on September 25, 1884, following the resignation of Mr. Gresham. On October 14, he was made Postmaster General, serving until March, 1885. Frank Hatton was once part owner of the Burlington *Hawkeye,* and Postmaster of Burlington, Iowa. Except for Alexander Hamilton, he was the youngest cabinet officer up to that time.

WILLIAM FREEMAN VILAS of Wisconsin was appointed Postmaster General by Cleveland on March 6th (or 7th), 1885, and upon the advancement of Mr. Justice Lamar to the Supreme Court, Vilas became Secretary of the Interior, serving from January 16, 1888, until March 6, 1889.

He completely revised the Postal Laws and Regulations, and inaugurated parcels post service with foreign countries, of merchandise in packages up to eleven pounds.

DON MANUEL DICKINSON of Michigan was appointed Postmaster General by Cleveland on January 16, 1888, serving until the end of the Presidential Term.

JOHN WANAMAKER of Pennsylvania was appointed Postmaster General by Harrison on March 5, 1889. He served until 1893.

WILSON SHANNON BISSELL of New York was appointed Postmaster General on March 6, 1893, by Grover Cleveland. Between 1875-1881, he had been a law partner of Cleveland. He resigned from the Cabinet on February 27, 1895.

WILLIAM LYNE WILSON of West Virginia was appointed Postmaster General by Cleveland on March 1, 1895, serving until the inauguration of William McKinley. He then became President of Washington and Lee University.

JAMES ALBERT GARY of Maryland was nominated by McKinley on March 3, 1897. His health failed and he resigned on April 18, 1898.

CHARLES EMORY SMITH of Pennsylvania was appointed Postmaster General by McKinley on April 21, 1898. He established Rural Free Delivery. He held office until January 15, 1902.

HENRY CLAY PAYNE of Wisconsin became Postmaster General January 8, 1902, and held this office until his death in 1904. He was Postmaster of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from January, 1875, to 1884.

ROBERT JOHN WYNNE of District of Columbia was appointed Postmaster General on October 10, 1904, by Roosevelt, holding office until March 4, 1905. He was first assistant Postmaster General from 1902 until he became Postmaster General.

GEORGE BRUCE CORTELYOU was appointed Postmaster General on March 6, 1905, serving until March 4, 1907. His rise was very rapid. In 1892, he was a clerk in the office of the Postmaster General, then he became Post Office Inspector at New York, then Fourth assistant Postmaster General. He perfected the Rural Free Delivery. On March 4, 1907, he was appointed Secretary of the Treasury.

GEORGE VON LENGERKE MEYER of Massachusetts became Postmaster General on March 4, 1907. He recommended postal savings banks, and local parcel post for rural districts, established auto mail collection and permitted messages on both sides of postal cards. He held office until the end of the Presidential Term.

FRANK HARRIS HITCHCOCK of Massachusetts was appointed Postmaster General by Taft on March 7, 1909. Prior to this time, and since 1905, he has been first assistant Postmaster General. He served until March, 1913.

ALBERT SIDNEY BURLESON of Texas was appointed Postmaster General by Woodrow Wilson in March, 1913, and was reappointed March, 1917.

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How—In our issue of June 2, 1917, we asked these questions, following the explanation that the five cent red error was the consequence of the rejection of three subjects on the plate as too light or "thin", their removal by burnishing and the use of the five cent transfer roll for re-entry:

"Granting that one subject on the transfer roll may be placed so that it rocks its impression into the blank space perfectly how was the blank space treated so that it was exactly flush with the surrounding cliches? If even the thin lines were rubbed away, it would seem that the effect would be to remove at least a trace of the steel. What effect would this depression have in the printing process? In what manner was the deficiency made good? These questions have suggested themselves to collectors and we have no doubt but that they will be answered."

The editor of the *Philatelic Gazette* says in the June number: "Whenever it is necessary to erase an impression on the plate, this is done by burnishing. Burnishers may be of different sizes and shapes but they are essentially tools with rounded or blunt ends and highly polished. By the proper use of these tools over the impressed area, the upstanding metal is gradually worked down until all traces of the lines disappear. If this process is imperfectly done, shifted die varieties result. Of course, some of the metal is worked away and a slight depression results; to offset this the metal is hammered up from the back until the blank space is flush with the surface, after which the new impression is laid down in the space to be re-entered. Finally, in preparing the plates for printing, any unevennesses on the under side of the plate are bedded up with layers of paper."

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Mexico—From George Ward Linn, we have received copies of City of Mexico newspapers detailing the incineration of a huge lot of Mexican remainders, under the direction of Hinojosa, director of posts. We learn that three new portrait stamps have been issued of the denominations of four, twenty and thirty centavos, respectively, gold value or "oro nacional" and are the productions of the Mexican bureau of engraving. The new stamps are good for postage, foreign and domestic. Word to the effect as given was omitted from the preceding issue of the WEEKLY.

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Conservation—In the *Outlook* for June 13, 1917, Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack President of the American Forestry Association and President of the National Emergency Food-Garden Commission, has a ringing article, "The Need of Food Thrift," which tells of the stupid waste of food which under the present conditions becomes criminal. The egregious fool is typified by the habitually wasteful American and if he does not mend his ways, he is likely to receive a shock that will break down his complacency. We are amazed at the scope and extent of Mr. Pack's activities in a public sense, when we realize the prodigality of his contributions to stamp work.

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Loyalty—We have some big, unselfish spirits in philately and if we found it necessary, we could tell of remarkable services rendered philately through mere sense of loyalty. One form of devotion to philately impresses us, that of publishing books or pamphlets that appeal only to comparatively few of the body of philatelists, with no thought of financial return, whatever. In no divison has this spirit had finer display than in the field of literature. For instance, when we contemplate the wonderful work that has been done by William R. Ricketts in the indexing of philatelic publications, our mind reels at the magnitude of his accomplishments. We acknowledge the receipt of the "17th & 18th Annual Report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature of the American Philatelic Society," beautifully printed and of limited issue. We told of the receipt of the ordinary edition, in the paper of June 9, 1917, but the copy now under notice is No. 7 of an edition de luxe and its handsome appearance justifies the classification. However, what we intended to say was that we have received an attractive booklet of twenty pages and cover, "Index to the Quaker City Philatelist." The old *Quaker City Philatelist* was published at Philadelphia from January, 1886, to July, 1894; and the index has been compiled by Mr. Ricketts and published by Hiram E. Deats, Flemington, New Jersey. Two hundred and twenty-five copies have been printed and of this number 100 "are issued as a supplement to the Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society." The old *Quaker City Philatelist* changed ownership several times before it succumbed to the inevitable and it was a journal that while popular as to contents, contained much information of permanent value. Few of the writers represented in the monthly in question are known by name today.

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Appropriate—Speaking of the past, the following letter from Mr. Edwin B. Hill, Granite Reef, Mesa, Arizona, is opportune: "I enjoyed your editorial write-up of Mr. Speakman, and it is hoped that there may be more said when the material is at hand. The early literature is essentially historic and worthy of preservation for that reason if no other. Can you inform me if either Guy W. Green or Roy Farrell Greene is living; and if so, their present address? I have seen a little of their work and I admire its charm. Was any of their work published in book form? So much of the so-called philatelic literature is valueless that the work of these two brothers makes one feel that the oasis has arrived with the journey's end,—somewhat mixed and upside down, but a fact!" Guy W. Green and Roy Farrell Greene were the two best philatelic poets who ever graced the pages of the stamp press with their rhythmatic inspirations. These two singers were not related and both of them achieved recognition in the columns of the outside periodical press. We believe that the poems of each of these young men were published in book form but we are vague about details. We enjoyed the personal acquaintance of both of these gifted collectors and mourned the death of Roy Farrell Greene at Arkansas City, Kansas, some years ago. Our last address of Guy W. Green was Stromsburg, Nebr., and we know that some years ago Mr. Green traveled about the country as manager of the famous baseball team of Nebraska Indians.

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Puzzle—From Montague Glass' vest pocket autobiography in a recent *Saturday Evening Post,* we crib the following humorous allusion to our hobby. "Deep stuff, Mawruss." Scene, book-store; obliging clerk and captious customer:

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"After-dinner speaking," says the clerk, and the customer waves the book away.

"Show me something by a stamp collector," he says, and, therefore, as it appears to be as broad as it is long, let us pursue the peddler's plan, with modifications to suit an author's biography.

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Down—The following notice of the reduction of the rate of letter postage between the United States and the Dominican Republic and vice versa has been ordered:

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It is the intention of the present owner of the Worthington collection to retain a number of countries intact, to incorporate with his already fine collection. We noted recently in the WEEKLY that the Worthington collection had been the subject of litigation in the Buffalo courts and for two years had been stored in the safe deposit vaults of the Manufacturers' and Traders' National Bank of that city.

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The revenues of the Colonies of the Caribbean were greatly impaired during the first year of the war, and while in many of the Islands taxes of various nature were levied by the local legislative bodies, these proving insufficient, consideration was finally given to a tax on mail matter.

Not until April 1st, 1916, was precedent established by Jamaica and British Honduras; June 1st brought the Windward Islands into line, and on September 1st, the Leeward Islands (except Montserrat) were added. Turks & Caicos Islands joined the movement January 2nd, 1917; Cayman Islands on February 26th, and Trinidad & Tobago on April 2nd.

In the majority of the Colonies, local letters have been exempt, and the tax made to apply to letters leaving the Islands destined for the United Kingdom, its Colonies and Protectorates. For the purpose of prepaying this tax, current stamps have been overprinted variously, WAR TAX, WAR STAMP, or simply WAR—not that the stamps were an absolute necessity, for in all Colonies the ordinary unsurcharged stamps may be used to pay this tax.

The overprinted stamps do serve one purpose; i. e., the Colonial Treasurers are able to determine just what revenue has been derived from the sale of these special stamps—and this amount must be considerable, when a stamp dealer's initial order ranges from £50 to £100.

For ready reference purpose, these notes have been arranged in alphabetical order rather than chronological.

Antigua.—The tax of ½d per letter destined for the British Empire, outside of the Leeward Islands, came into effect September 1st, 1916, and until early October when the London overprinted stamps were received at St. John's, the ordinary ½d stamp was used for paying this tax. A special printing in deep blue green, was made of the ½d Arms type, and the overprint WAR STAMP, in heavy block capitals, in one line, was applied to full sheets of 60. The first lot of these stamps was on medium white paper, while the second consignment was on a heavy paper, with dull white gum. A further printing has recently been made, with the overprint applied in red.

Bahamas.—This Colony has not yet found it necessary to impose a tax on mail matter, but two very interesting issues have been produced, which will serve to record the existence of the Great War in its postal emissions.

At the beginning of the war, troops were sent from Canada to New Providence for guard purposes, and it was for urgent mail for these soldiers that a Special Delivery stamp was issued. The current 5d orange and black, Queen's Staircase type, Crown CC paper, was overprinted, in black, SPECIAL DELIVERY, in two lines. The first printing was made in December, 1915, and the entire lot of 600 stamps, was sent to the Canadian Post Office Dept., at Ottawa. At the same time, a supply of the Canadian 10c Special Delivery stamp, was sent to Nassau; these stamps being for use by the soldiers on letters of urgent nature, addressed to Canada. The overprinted stamp of Bahamas was not on sale at Ottawa, nor has the stamp ever been available for use locally in the Bahamas. It can only be procured through the Post Office Dept. in Canada but the stamp itself is affixed to the letter by an employee of the Department. A second printing, also limited, was made early in 1917, but it does not differ from the first printing. As the 5d has appeared in changed colors, purple and black, on multiple Crown and CA paper, it would seem that if further Special Delivery stamps are required, another variety will be created.

To aid the Red Cross Society in its commendable work, a special 1d Red Cross stamp was issued in May, 1917. The 1d Queen's Staircase type has been printed in pale red and black, and overprinted with the Genevan Cross at the top, and date "1.1.17." in the center. The overprint is applied in red.

British Honduras.—While on the mainland of Central America, British Honduras is generally considered part of the British West Indies, owing to its proximity, and the many interests which it and the Islands have in common.

A consignment of 1c, 2c and 5c stamps sent out from London in the early months of 1915, was overprinted in violet with a moire design, so that in case of seizure by the enemy they could be distinguished and rendered invalid. The numbers included in this shipment were: —1c, 60,240; 2c, 180,000; 5c, 121,080.

The 5c blue was the first to be issued, in July, 1915, followed by the 2c in November, and the 1c late in December, 1915. In view of the limited quantity of the 1c with the overprint, it is not surprising that stock was exhausted by February, and further indent had to be made. This further quantity of the 1c (203,880 stamps) was received at Belize in June, 1916.

On April 1st, 1916, the rate on local letters, as well as those to the British Empire, and the United States, was raised to 3c, the extra 1c being a war tax. In August the 1c with the moire overprint, was overprinted locally with the word WAR, to the extent of 177,480 copies.

In March, 1917, the stock of the 1c WAR, with moire overprint being exhausted, the 1c yellow green, from plate 1, was overprinted locally, in black, from the same setting of the word WAR. A recent consignment sent out to the Colony included the 1c in blue green from plate 2, which stamp will probably also receive the overprint WAR when the yellow green stamps from plate 1, are exhausted.

To make possible the use of one stamp for the postage rate and war tax, a 3c stamp, printed in orange, from plate 2, in the design of the lower denominations was issued April 16, 1917.

Cayman Islands.—Law 4 of 1916, imposing a war tax of ½d on each letter intended for the British Empire (outside of the Dependency) was approved by the Governor of Jamaica on Nov. 15, 1916, and a supply of the current George, 2½d blue, overprinted WAR STAMP. 1½d, in two lines, at the Government Printing Office, Kingston, was received in Grand Cayman in early December. Orders in hand were for such quantity, and the lot being so limited, issue was withheld until further 2½d stamps arrived from London. These stamps were received January 2nd, 1917, and were immediately sent back to Jamaica to be suitably overprinted. This was done, and the stamps were received back in Grand Cayman on February 16, 1917. A public notice issued by the Commissioner announced that the war tax would become effective February 26th, 1917, on which date stamps of both printings were on sale at the Post Office.

The first lot of stamps overprinted had the WAR STAMP. portion in letters of the 6-point Roman type, which was applied to full sheets of 120, from plate 5. The 1½d setting was in 60 only, so that two impressions were necessary to add this value to the sheets already overprinted WAR STAMP. As issued, the stamps were separated into panes of 60. The face value of this lot was under £200, and stock was exhausted on first day of sale. The printing was very poorly done, but notwithstanding no constant varieties of note have occurred.

The second lot had the WAR STAMP. applied in letters of the 8-point Roman type, and the setting including the value 1½d was applied to full sheets of 120, plate 5, and then separated into panes of 60. The 52nd stamp of the left pane shows no bar in the fraction, and the 56th stamp of the same pane shows "1" with a straight top. This printing had a face value of approximately £300, and was exhausted by the middle of March.

1½d stamps have been ordered from the Crown Agents in London, and these will probably reach Grand Cayman by July.

Dominica.—The tax of ½d on each letter destined for the British Empire (excluding the Leeward Islands) was made effective Sept. 1st, 1916, and overprinted ½d stamps were first on sale that day. A special printing of the ½d, View of Roseau type, was made by De La Rue, in deep green, and overprinted in red, WAR TAX—ONE HALFPENNY, in two lines, in small block caps. The paper used for this printing (250,000 stamps) was thin, showing the watermark transparently from the back. There is a variety which occurs several times through the sheet of 60; i. e., the "O" of ONE is slightly smaller than normal.

Grenada.—Regulations passed in May, 1916, provided for a war tax of 1d on all letters and parcels intended for the British Empire, effective June 1st. The current 1d rose, from plate 1, was overprinted at the Government Printing Office at St. George's, WAR TAX, in one line. A very limited number of sheets of the 1d red were also included in this printing of which the face value approximated £200. Three different sizes of the letter "A" were used, measuring 2¼ mm., 2 mm., and 1½ mm., the former being the normal, and the latter but once or twice in a sheet of 120. A variety also exists showing a space between T and AX.

In September a consignment of overprinted stamps arrived from London, the stamp being the 1d deep red, from plate 1, and the WAR TAX being in narrow sans serif capitals, in one line.

(To be continued.)

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1902	25l emerald green, No. 180, used		.10
	50l ultramarine, No. 181, used	..	.12
	1d rose, No. 182, used	.....	.30
	2d orange brown, No. 183, unused		.75
1913	25l blue & black, No. 224, unused		.15
	1d brown, No. 636, unused	....	.60
	2d blue, No. 637, unused	.....	1.00
	5d gray green, No. 638, unused	..	2.10
	10d yellow green, No. 639, unused		4.25
1915	50l violet brown, No. 650	.....	.35
	1d orange, No. 651	.....	.50
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	No. 160, Entire sheet of 100	3.50
	No. 161, Entire sheet of 100	4.00
	No. 162, Entire sheet of 100	7.00
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1899	Nos. 294, 295, 296, 297	.10
1910	Nos. 310 to 319	1.00
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1875	Nos. 561, 562, 563	.10
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	Dues, No. 801, 2c blue	.10
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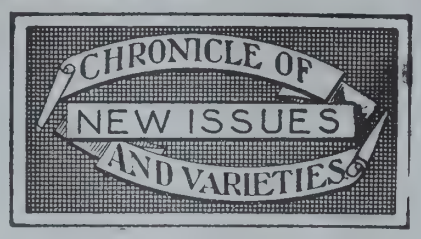
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UNITED STATES.—(1382)—Adding to the information published last week, that we would see a number of new items in connection with the proposed intention of Congress to increase the postage rate on first class mail matter to 3c per ounce, the new 3c rate would mean that a new 13c stamp for registered letters will probably be issued. The plates for the old 1908 13c stamp are of course cancelled and out of use, but the dies are available for producing new plates. A new 13c stamp would most likely be in a different color than the old one as the current 11c stamp is in the old 13c color; or will the new 13c be in the old color and the color of the 11c be changed? The probabilities for a 6c envelope are not remote, either.

(1373)—Mr. F. B. McGown has forwarded to us a letter received from the 3rd Asst. Postmaster Gen. regarding the 20c stamp with distinct blotch of green color, as noted in the Chronicle for April 21. We are pleased to be able to reproduce the contents of the letter:

"'I duly received your letter of April 30, inclosing nine 20c stamps received from Mr. F. B. McGown for inspection and requesting that I advise you as to the cause of the greenish tint which appears on a part of these stamps.

"'In reply, I beg to say that a microchemical examination of these stamps indicates the presence of both chromium and lead which are not normally present in the ink used for printing this denomination. These elements are present in the inks used for 8c and 10c stamps, and when inks for these denominations are mixed with the 20c ink, the olive green in the stamps submitted by you is matched. The assumption, therefore, is that, in printing some of these stamps, inks got on the plate from the rag, roller or wiper pad of the press and produced the effect shown.'

"The nine 20c stamps in question are returned herewith, and will be redeemed if you will present them at the postoffice with this letter."

Mr. McGown says he doesn't think he will redeem them at the postoffice.

(1381)—Our thanks to Mr. J. M. Bartels for the following list of new envelopes:

The following new envelopes should be added to previous lists supplied us by Mr. Bartels:

Issue 1915.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
1c	D	13	white	19 (no gum)	89
2c	C	8	amber	19	59
2c	C	9	white	20	61

Issue 1916 (Circular).

2c	E	8	amber	19	91
2c	E	13	blue	19	89
2c	E	13	buff	19	89

(1381)—Advertising cancellations already mentioned have been sent in by Messrs. Eppes, Babson and Walters, while Mr. J. W. Olsen submits a new one: "Young Mens Business Clubs of America, Lamar, Colo. August 29th-30th, 1917". Many thanks to all four.

(1373)—*The Philatelic Gazette* is our authority for stating that a very fine double transfer occurs on the current 2c stamp. It is the 58th stamp in the upper left pane from plate No. 7951. There is a distinct line outside the left frame line extending almost four-fifths the entire length, and distinct doubling in the numerals and the letters of the word "CENTS".

ABYSSINIA.—(1382)—*Champion's Bulletin* lists another commemorative supplementing the list we gave last week. Those contained an overprint in four lines within a rectangular frame. The one added to the list has the overprint in *three* lines without the frame.

Commemorative.

4g green and carmine.

ALBANIA.—(1372)—Under this country heading, *Champion's Bulletin* lists a new series. The surcharge as described in our Chronicle for April 14th seems to have been used for printing adhesive stamps, a rectangular frame surrounding a double headed eagle is printed in one color, while the inscriptions "Shqiperie" at left, "Korce" at top, "Vet Qeveritare" at the right and the value in "Cts" at bottom is printed in a second color. The stamps are perf. 11½. In the list below the eagle and frame are given in the first color.

Adhesives.

1c dark brown and green.
2c dark carmine and green.
3c gray green and green.
5c green and black.
10c rose and black.
25c blue and black.
50c violet and black.
1fr brown and black.

BRAZIL.—Mr. Fred Liebeck shows us the 100r, Scott's type A51, in coil form (used on cover). A pair is from a vertical coil with horizontal perf. 12.

Coil (Perf. 12 x imperf.).

100r aniline rose.

CANADA.—(1382)—Mr. Maurice Dietrick informs us that he has the "Calgary Industrial Exhibition Calgary Alberta June 28–1917 Only" advertising cancellation, while a Toronto one submitted by Mr. Bamiek (?) has already been mentioned.

CUBA.—(1381)—We thank the J. M. Bartels Co. for showing us the new 1, 10, 20, 50c and $1 stamps, completing the series. The 1c to 20c have the portraits in circles over which is the word "Correos", the numeral of value in the upper left corner and the sign "c" in the upper right, the words "Republica de Cuba" across the base of the stamp. The 50c and $1 have the portraits in square frames which is superimposed at the upper left with a circle containing the values (50c and $1 respectively); across the base of this frame appears the word "Correos" and across the base of the stamp "Republica de Cuba". The background to the portrait on the 50c is only lightly shaded, while that of the $1 appears solid color, although composed of vertical and horizontal cross lines. The new stamps are on unwatermarked white wove paper and perf. 12. The following list shows the complete series, with the names of the individuals portrayed in parentheses:

Adhesives.

1c blue-green (Marti).
2c carmine-rose (Maximo Gomez).
3c violet (Jose de la Luz).
5c blue (Calixto Garcia).
8c burnt-sienna (Agramonte).
10c brown (Estrada Palma).
20c olive (Jose a Saco).
50c claret (Maceo).
$1 bluish-black (Céspedes).

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(1375)—Mr. H. Mueller sends us from this West Indian neighboring republic the 1c overprinted "1916" in red, as noted in our Chronicle for January 13, and a copy in a much deeper color. The two shades may be classified thus: pale green and dull black, and light blue-green and full black.

FRANCE.—(1382)—The following letter from Mr. W. T. Wilson regarding the "grande consommation" French stamps is self-explanatory:

"A few paragraphs have appeared in the philatelic press on this subject but bearing in mind the interest which is naturally taken in the stamps of France it may be well to bring the list up to date.

"The 'G. C.' stamps are on very poor drab colored *granite* paper, this last a point which seems to have been overlooked by the chroniclers.

"I have the following values thus: 2c (just issued), 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 30c, 40c, 50c and Postage Due 5c, 10c and 30c. The current type 25c on normal paper is now appearing in a marked new light blue shade."

Some few years ago, when the current French stamps were extensively forged for the purpose of defrauding the post, the stamps were printed on a new thin paper, which the authorities termed "quadrillé" to enable the postoffices and agents to distinguish between the old and the new and so the forgers couldn't imitate the paper. This quadrille paper was quite thin compared to that previously in use and when held to the light a faint weave showing quadrille vertical and horizontal lines could be seen. The "G. C." paper, as mentioned above and in previous chronicles shows a diagonal weave when held to the light. The grade of this new paper varies, and we have some of the 10c on paper which swells when immersed in water and is not thin and does not show any signs of granitization, that is, has no fibrous particles of silk, or other threads, as we understand granite paper to have. The colors of the 25c on the first paper runs from indigo to very light blue, on the quadrille paper (please do not confuse this with the quadrille paper of 1892) the light shade noted by Mr. Wilson is quite new. Up to May 31st this value had not appeared on the G. C. paper.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that booklets containing twenty 15c. stamps have been issued. These are on very ordinary paper, like the G. C. issue; the impression of the design is so poor that the silhouette of the Semeuse can hardly be distinguished.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—*Champion's Bulletin* announces a new series of Postal Packet stamps for this protectorate. They are large upright stamps of Arabesque design, after the style of the Hejaz stamps recently chronicled, with the inscription, "Maroc Colis-Postaux" in the centre. Perf. 13½x14.

Postal Packet Stamps.

5c green.
10c carmine.
20c red-brown.
25c blue.
40c brown.
50c vermilion.
75c slate.
1f ultramarine.
2f light gray.
5f violet.
10f black.

The 5c and 30c postage dues of the protectorate have appeared printed on the "G. C." paper as noted in recent chronicles of French stamps. This information from the *Echo de la Timbrologie.*

GREECE.—*Champion's Bulletin* states that its publisher has seen a cover from Greece on which insufficient postage had been prepaid, the tax being collected by means of provisional postage due stamps consisting of the ordinary postage overprinted with a very large "T".

GUADELOUPE.—The new Red Cross stamp for this colony has been issued, according to *L'Echo de la Timbrologie.* Same type as preceding issue of 10c+5c.

Red Cross Stamp.

15c+5c violet.

GUATEMALA.—(1373)—*Champion's Bulletin* states on the authority of *El Eco Postal* that an entire series of commemorative stamps were to be issued, to include six values, but all in the same colors, bistre and blue. The subjects were as follows:

25c Postal Palace.
30c Military Academy.
90c Young Ladies School.
1p 50c National Arms.
3p Inalambuco Tower.
5c Portrait of Cabrera.

The issue of the 25c chronicled April 21st, with the President's portrait, probably superseded the series proposition.

GUINEA.—See Portuguese Colonies.

HEJAZ.—Two new stamps of 20pa and 1p are to be issued with larger figures of value. They will be perf. 12½. This news is from *Champion's Bulletin.*

INDIA.—(*Orcha Native State*). *Champion's Bulletin* lists, as having been issued in 1916, a 4a stamp.

Adhesive.

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ITALY.—(1379)—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles an Aerial-Post stamp issued for the Turin-Rome experimental postal service as mentioned in our Chronicle of June 2nd. The special delivery stamp, Scott's No. 201, has been overprinted, in three lines,

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MACAO.—See Portuguese Colonies.

NAURU.—(1381)—Noting Mr. Walton's letter in our Chronicle of June 16th Mr. I. W. Risdon writes to us as follows: "I have part of a cover containing *ten* varieties of *Nauru* stamps. This cover was mailed at Pleasant Island, Nauru, on Jan. 7, 1917." From these two sources, we must infer that the Nauru and N. W. Pacific Islands stamps are in concurrent use, or that one issue is used when the other is not available.

NEW CALEDONIA.—(1374)—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* says that the ship carrying supplies of the Red Cross stamps (as chronicled April 28) to this colony, has been sunk, and with it the stamps. It is probable that the 10c+5c will not be reprinted, and therefore will be a most interesting stamp as it has only been issued in Paris.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. F. V. Cooney writes as follows: "Some time ago I noticed that my New Zealand No. 144 overprinted War Stamp, ½d green, had an inverted "L" for the "T" of "STAMP". Mr. Hibbard of the U. T. K. Stamp Co. and I looked over some 400 of these stamps and among them we found four copies the same as mine."

NORTHWEST PACIFIC ISLANDS.—*Champion's Bulletin* is our authority for listing the £1 on the narrow crown wmk. paper.

Adhesive (New Wmk.)

£1 blue and brown.

Marsh's Weekly Philatelist states the sheets consist of 30 stamps, the two top rows show the type I overprint, the third row type II and the fourth and fifth rows type III.

NYASALAND.—*Marsh's Weekly Philatelist* chronicles the ½d in pale green instead of green and the 1d in scarlet in place of rose-red. Wmk. and perf. as before.

Adhesives.

½d pale green.
1d scarlet.

PORTUGAL.—The Portuguese Red Cross Society has issued the Red Cross stamp of Portugal with the overprint "Comissao Portuguesa de Prisioneiros de Guerra" (Portuguese Commission of Prisoners of War). 100,000 were so overprinted in green and when these had been used another 100,000 were overprinted in red. The stamps serve the Society in sending letters to prisoners of war in enemy countries, exclusively.

Franchise Postage.

Vermilion and black, green overprint.
Vermilion and black, red overprint.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—We reprint the following from *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*: Mr. J. N. Marsden, of Lisbon, writes us as follows: "To the specialist in these stamps it may be interesting to note that stamps of Portuguese Congo, Guinea, India, Macau, Tete, have stars at each side of the name. The star is always a five-pointed one. In some values one of the points is upwards, in others it is downwards, and in some sideways, that is neither one nor the other, and I have discovered varieties in the sheets, of which if you like I will send you a list. For instance, in the Guinea stamps, in some of the values the first stamp of the 5th row has both stars with one point upwards and all the other stamps on the sheet have the stars with one point downwards; and in India the stamps on chalky paper up to 10rs have the stars with one point downwards, but on ordinary paper the 2, 2½, 3, 4½, 5 and 10rs have the stars with one point upwards, and there are many other interesting varieties. These varieties have never been noticed by anyone, so I give you the first information of them. Some day they will have to be catalogued."

RUSSIA.—The 2k and 5k of the 1909 type have been issued in new colors, imperf., according to information received by *L'Echo de la Timbrologie*. It is a coincidence that we listed last week the 1k imperf. We wonder if this latter is orange and an imperf. variety of the 1909 issue, or whether it is a new issue along with the 2k and 5k in new colors. Scott's No. 78a, 7k light blue, and No. 81a, 15k red-violet and blue are the only others of the series that are listed imperf.

Adhesives (Imperf.).

1k orange.
2k orange.
5k carmine.

SALVADOR.—(1382)—Last week we chronicled new official stamps and quoted as authority a French contemporary. We find these stamps were listed as ordinary postage stamps by *Scott's Circular* last November. The advertisements of the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. recently listed them as postage stamps. We now read in *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* that the *remaining* (our Italics) stamps of the series of 1915 have received the overprint "S", which means "Salvador", and have been in use since August 25, 1916. This issue certainly cannot be remainders, as they never had the overprint "1915". There were 530,400 in all of eight values. Please correct our last week's chronicle to read "Adhesives" instead of "Official".

TETE.—See Portuguese Colonies.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—*The Philatelic Magazine* reports the current ½d with inverted watermark.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—The *Collectors' Journal* is an aspirant for the official journalship of the Southern Philatelic Association and will prove a serious contender in the race for preferment that is now being run by the *Philatelic West,* the *Stamp Herald* and Mr. Guest's paper.

—The sale to be held by the Indiana Stamp Company on July 7th will be composed of the stamps of Mr. J. E. Harvey, Markle, Indiana, who, we remember, was one of the first collectors to impose condition restrictions on his orders for United States stamps and the consequence is that this collection, replete with the best of U. S. stamps, purchased, as a rule, some time ago, can give a good account of itself even in these critical days. We are told that Mr. Harvey, liberal buyer though he was, never met a stamp dealer "face to face," until recently.

—The P. A. Eftofie Manufacturing Company recently added approval cards, stock books, etc., to its line of novelties and stationers' specialties, and samples that have been received by us, we were glad to put to practical use.

—We are indebted to Wm. L. Aldrich and P. M. Wolsieffer for clippings from Chicago and Philadelphia papers giving the story of the sale of the great Worthington collection. This transaction is being well advertised and will open the eyes of some people who are skeptical as to the worth-while in stamp collecting.

—Walter B. Gould of Bangor, Me., according to a clipping from the *Daily Commercial* of that city, has made an unique proposition to assist in raising funds for the local Red Cross work. He has contributed a large collection of old U. S. copper cents which will be placed in stores, banks, etc., throughout the city and sold at 10c each. Mr. Gould will give the total amount received to the Red Cross Society and arrange all the details connected with the plan. He agrees to supply these coins up to 5,000 in number and will take charge of additional coins contributed for sale. The clipping goes on to say that while the face value of these old coins is only 1c, many of them command a premium.

—C. G. Gardner, Jackson, Mich., would like to know the present address of A. Helle, formerly 1621 Sedgwick St., Chicago.

—A. F. Simionescu sends in a list of five names of parties who have failed to make returns on approval selections. Three are located in Brooklyn and one in New York, and are of the class of stamp collectors to which we have referred many times in the WEEKLY as residing in this section, and of whom dealers should beware. May we suggest that if dealers send out approval selections without taking precautions in investigating references it must be expected that unsatisfactory business relations will result.

—The Collectors' Philatelic Society of Detroit, which is Branch 47 of the A. P. S., has unanimously endorsed the A. P. S. nominations made by the Philadelphia Branch. Z. Dworkowski has been elected president in place of H. H. Prager, who has been compelled to leave Detroit.

—The Somerville (Mass.) Stamp Society is in a flourishing condition. At its last meeting C. A. Howes, president of the A. P. S., gave a talk on the stamps of China and exhibited his collection. New issues at face were distributed among the members and there was a spirited auction sale conducted by I. W. Risdon.

—W. S. Aldrich of St. Joseph, Mo., called east by the illness of his mother, was a recent caller at the office of the WEEKLY in Boston.

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BOSTON, June 19, 1917.

The 284th (regular) meeting of the Society was called to order at 8 p. m. by Pres. Brown. The usual reports were read and the resignation of Mr. J. C. Morgenthau, No. 271, was accepted. The proposed amendment to the Constitution admitting juniors to membership, was adopted and the application of Ransom W. Stiles for admittance to junior membership was posted. Mr. Charles B. Moore won the silver medal in the competition and Mr. Ralph N. Hall won second prize, a bronze medal. Mr. Moore's Leeward Islands and Northern Nigeria were marked 98%, and Mr. Hall's collection of Cyprus and Gibraltar were given 97%. Messrs. Howes, Dunning and Bell, also entered stamps for the competition. There were 29 members and 2 visitors present.

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Don't forget that, although there are no more regular meetings until September, the informal meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, and that there is an auction at these meetings.

NOTICE.—There are to be two contests in the fall, for each of which silver and bronze medals have been donated. The first will be in October and will be stamps surcharged "War". The second will be for stamps of the Scandinavian countries. Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Hill are the donors of the prizes. This early announcement will give all an opportunity to get their stamps in shape.

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Canal Zone, 12, 15, 24c 1917	.65		
Barbados, ½p 1916 .... .01;	½p	.02	
1p ..... .03;	2p	.06	
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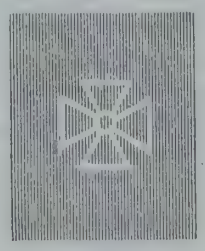
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By W. WARD, Author of "Postage Stamps of the Levant," Etc.

Surface Printed Issues 1867-83.

Towards the summer of 1867, on account of the large amount of colonial and foreign correspondence, it was found necessary to issue higher values than 2sh and the first to appear was the 5sh. Eleven years later, in 1878, two other values were issued, 10sh and £1. They were printed on paper watermarked with



1867-1878.

a Maltese Cross, humorously known as the only variety of British watermark known *not inverted!* As in the lower values, the plate numbers were added in the design and the familiar check letters in the corners. The large size of the stamps was probably the cause of the issue being perforated 15½ x 15.

1867-78. Perf. 15½x15. Wmk. Maltese Cross.
5sh pale rose, plates 1, 2 (1867).
10sh greenish-gray, plate 1 (1878).
£1 lilac brown, plate 1 (1878).

In 1873, the plates of the 3p, 6p and 1sh were again modified by the check corner letters being made colored on a white ground instead of white on a colored ground, as formerly. The 6p value was further altered by removing the plate number to the center right and left, to appear more symmetrical, as in the 3p and 1sh values. They were issued on the same watermarked paper, the rose spray, as before. With the exception of plate 14, which was registered, but probably never issued in green, the series needs little comment. The 6d buff is a very rare stamp, probably issued in that color by error.

1873-77. Perf. 14. Wmk. Spray, with colored check letters in corners.
3p rose, plates 11, 12 and 14 to 20.
6p buff, plate 13.
6p gray, plates 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.
1sh green, plates 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

The reduction of postage to certain foreign countries from 4p to 2½p per ½ ounce, made it necessary to issue a stamp of that value in 1875. For some strange reason, it was issued on a new paper originally prepared for the revenue stamps of 1867, both blued and quite



2½d Claret.

white, watermarked with a "naked" anchor. In the second plate, an error occurred in the lettering of the stamp L—H, H—L, as L—H, F—L. The error is not exactly rare, but always finds a ready sale at about $10 in from good to fair condition.

1875. Perf. 14. Wmk. anchor.
2½p claret, blued paper, plates 1, 2.
2½p claret, white paper, plates 1, 2. 3.

The paper watermarked anchor used for the 2½p being held necessary for the revenue stamps of the period, a new paper watermarked with the Royal Orb



Royal Orb Wmk.

was brought into use, but which paper in its turn was relegated for revenue stamps when the new "Crown" watermarked paper appeared in 1881. During four years no fewer than 15 different plates of the 2½p in claret, were issued on the "Orb" paper. Since four plates were printed in blue on this paper in 1880,

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1876-1880. Perf. 14. Wmk. Royal Orb.
2½p claret, plates 3 to 17.
2½p blue, plates 17 to 20.

In 1876, the printers evidently had on hand a large stock of the large garter watermarked paper used in the printing of the 4p values from 1857 to 1873, for when the new plates of the 4p with the large colored corner check letters were ready they used that paper in no less than three different colors, vermilion, sage green and grayish brown. The second and third plates of the first two colors respectively are classed among the greatest rarities of British stamps. In the fall of the same year a new value 8p was issued in orange. It had also been printed in purple-brown, registered, but was never issued to the public. This stamp was also printed on the large garter paper.

1876-1880. Perf. 14. Wmk. large garter.
4p vermilion, plates 15, 16 (March, 1876).
4p sage green, plates 15, 16, 17 (Feb., 1877).
4p gray brown, plate 17 (July, 1880).
8p orange, plate 1 (Sept., 1876).

On the first of January, 1881, several values, the 3p, 4p and 6p, made their appearance on a new watermarked paper, that of the "Imperial Crown" which existed for thirty-two years without change, through three reigns.



Imperial Crown.

A few months previous to this (Feb., 1880) the 2sh value had been altered in color to brown, and the 1sh (Oct., 1880) changed to a very similar color, both on rose spray watermarked paper, the former in the white check letter type and the latter with colored check letters. A few months afterwards the 2½p and 1sh were reprinted on the new Crown paper.

At this same period the contracts for the line-engraved ½p, 1p, 1½p and 2p stamps expired, and it was decreed that the future supplies of these values should be in harmony with the higher value surface printed stamps, and the same firm that printed the latter, Messrs. Thos. de la Rue, was awarded the contracts. A new value, 5p, was also added for double weight foreign postage.

Ringing the changes on watermarks must have sorely puzzled the collector of those days, and to make matters worse the 3p and 6p were issued (Jan., 1883) in the same lilac color of a specially prepared ink first employed for the revenue stamps as a protection against cleaning. In order to prevent confusion these two values were overprinted in carmine with large figures of value. Both values exist with varieties of the dots under the letter "d" representing pence as (a) one dot, (b) slanting dots and (c) minus dots.

The 1sh value was printed in the "safety" lilac in both plates 13 and 14 on the Crown paper, but were never issued for sale to the public.

The high values up to £5 were also issued concurrent with this medley of designs but we shall deal with them separately.

1880. Perf. 14. Wmk. rose-spray.
1sh (colored check letters) orange brown, plate 13.
2sh (white check letters) brown, plate 1.

1880-82. Perf. 14. Wmk. Imperial Crown.
½p deep green, (no plate number).
½p pale green, (no plate number).
1p venetian red, (no plate number).
1½p venetian red, (no plate number).
2p deep rose, (no plate number).
2p pale rose, (no plate number).
2½p blue, plates 21, 22, 23.
3p rose, plates 20, 21.
4p gray-brown, plates 17, 18.
5p indigo, (no plate number).
6p gray, plates 17, 18.
1sh orange brown, plates 13, 14.

In 1881 a new design was made for the penny value—bearing for the first time the words "postage and inland revenue." This was also printed in the revenue "safety" lilac.

After a few months' service, the design was slightly modified from 14 to 16 pearls in each corner of the stamp.



A B

14 Pearls. 1d '81-2. 16 Pearls.

Though in use for over twenty years few varieties of this stamp occur, one of which issued towards the end of the "nineties" is the "bottom" line variety in which the whole of the right and left hand bottom line of pearls are solid color, as if the plate had been struck by a metal part of the ink rollers or mobile portion of the printing machine. This stamp is also known printed on the gummed side of the paper.

1881-1882. Perf. 14. Wmk. Imperial Crown.
1p lilac, 14 pearls, (July, 1881).
1p pale lilac, 14 pearls.
1p pale lilac, 16 pearls, (Dec. 18, 1881).
1p deep purple, 16 pearls.
1p mauve, 16 pearls.
1p mauve, 16 pearls, thick heavy line of color at base.
3p lilac, surch. "3d" 2 dots under "d".
6p lilac, surch. "6d" 2 dots under "d".
3p lilac, surch. "3d" 1 dot under "d".
6p lilac, surch. "6d" 1 dot under "d".
6p lilac, surch. "6d" no dots under "d".

The fall of 1882 saw three high values, 5sh, 10sh and £1 together with a new high value, £5, make their appearance on the fiscal paper watermarked with the "naked" anchor, in both blued and plain white. Apart from postal purposes they did service for telegraph charges, replacing the special telegraph issue of 1876-77, the £5 being of the same design but with the word "postage" at the top taking the place of "telegraphs." They were perforated the new standard 14. These stamps may be classified with three sorts of obliterations—(a) ordinary round or "killer" towns postmark, (b) oval registered postmark and (c) telegraph cancellation. The first and third reflect the current catalog quotations, whereas the second generally command a good per cent. *over* catalog price according to condition.



1882-1883.

1882-1883. Perf. 14. Wmk. "naked" anchor.
5sh rose on white paper.
5sh rose on blued paper.
10sh gray-green on white paper.
10sh gray-green on blued paper.
£1 brown-lilac on white paper.
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—While we are reporting the fact that Hiordan is meeting exchange obligations, we cannot report progress as regards claims against Carrol J. Agnew and state this for the benefit of some of our correspondents.

—We remember that some years ago the WEEKLY published the picture of Henry P. Day of Peoria, Ill., with a brief biographical sketch. The Howard Stamp Co., Peoria, Ill., sends us a clipping from the Peoria *Star* of June 26, which contains an interesting stamp article written by Mr. Day.

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—We received too late a telegram from Lorene Stack making changes in the 5c error advertisement run last week. In the revised adv. the prices are cheapened considerably and parties who ordered at the higher quotations will have money refunded.

—Henry Pepper Norris enters a complaint that we feel should receive attention. It is one that has been filed with us at intervals during recent years. A dealer advertised a certain set of stamps without quoting any price but soliciting business. We will now let Mr. Norris tell the story:—

"On June 19th I wrote to him asking his price for the set, either new or used, and enclosed a stamp for the reply, but to date have not heard from him. The same advertisement appeared in the next number of the WEEKLY, and I don't see why he wastes his money and other people's time in advertising stamps, if he don't want to sell them."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NOTED STAMP CASE SETTLED.

Buffalo Woman's Judgment of $340,000 is Paid.

The action of Alice F. Halladay of No. 469 Delaware Ave., against George H. Worthington, Harrison B. McGraw, and others of Cleveland, O., involving the famous Worthington stamp collection, was settled by an order granted yesterday afternoon in the special term by Justice Dudley. The order was secured by Judge Daniel J. Kenefick, representing Mr. McGraw. It provides for discontinuing the appeal taken by the defendants from the judgment secured here last February by Mrs. Halladay for about $340,000.

The settlement was brought about through the sale of a portion of the $1,000,000 stamp collection in New York City a few days ago. With the proceeds of that sale, the assignee of Mr. Worthington settled with his creditors, including Mrs. Halladay, whose judgment is paid.

The suit brought by Mrs. Halladay was to recover the value of American Chicle Company stock, estimated at something more than $300,000, which she loaned to Mr. Worthington, a family friend, to be used as security in obtaining a loan. As collateral for her advance, Mrs. Halladay got the stamp collection. Mr. Worthington's affairs became more involved and the suit just ended was instituted to clear up the entire situation.

The amount realized at the recent sale of the stamps in New York was not stated in any of the papers filed, but is understood to have been more than $500,000.—Buffalo *Express*.

NEW BELGIAN CHARITY STAMPS.

We note by the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* the detailed description of the new set of labels just issued by a charitable organization of Belgians in aid of Belgian soldiers crippled in the war. The labels are six in number, have no postal value and are described as follows:—

(1.) Rose. Portrait of General Leman, surmounting a view of Liege.

(2.) Brown on blue. Portrait of Burgomaster Max, surmounting a view of the Palace of Justice, Brussels.

(3.) Black on buff. Picture of Louvain and the University in flames.

(4.) Purple on pale green. Cardinal Mercier and a view of St. Rombaut of Malines.

(5.) Deep green on pale green. An allegorical picture of a Belgian "piotte" on the banks of the Yser.

(6.) Indigo on pale rose. A symbolical picture of the King of the Belgians, the Soldier Hero saluting the Wounded.

DUTIABLE ARTICLES PROHIBITED IN REGULAR MAILS TO JAPAN.

OFFICE OF SECOND ASS'T P. M. GEN.,
WASHINGTON, June 26, 1917.

Referring to Section 14 on page 115 of the Postal Guide for July, 1916, notice is hereby given of the receipt of information from the postal administration of Japan that in accordance with the provisions of Article 16, Section 3, of the Universal Postal Convention of Rome, all dutiable articles are prohibited importation into that country in the regular mails.

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	1915, 5k red	1.25	.58
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Sweden	1903, 5k blue	.75	.35
	Off. 1910, 50o gray	.20	.07
Sweden	Off. Nos. 234, 232, 237, 250, 251	.26	.10
	1910, 1k yellow	.10	.03
Iceland	1902, 50a	.40	.22
	1902, 1k blue & brn.	.75	.48
Italy	1903, Dues, 50l yellow	.30	.07
	1903, Dues, 1001 blue	.15	.04
Liberia	1880, 12c yellow*	.50	.11
	1880, 24c rose*	.50	.11
Cuba	1910, 1p slate & black	.75	.29
	1911, 1p black	1.50	.72
Cuba	1914, 50c orange (Map)	.25	.12
	1914, 1p slate (Map)	.60	.26
Bolivia	1909, 1b brown & blk.*	1.25	.58
	1911, 5 on 20c*	5.00	2.25
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EDITORIAL.

Order—Order No. 413 by the postmaster general was issued as early as June 13, 1917, but purposely was withheld from general notice until recently, we understand. The order is self-explanatory, as providing for the organization of the first military postal station in France; and in a short time, the first of our extra-territorial army postmarks will be available. "Order No. 413. Pursuant to Section 4021, Revised Statutes (Section 1468, Postal Laws and Regulations), a Mail Agency is hereby established at Bordeaux, France, or such other port in France as may be more convenient for conducting the postal service in connection with the United States Expeditionary Force in Europe, to be known as the United States Mail Agency, in France, and Marcus H. Bunn is appointed as Postal Agent in charge." Elsewhere, we publish the official notice regarding mail for the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. It may be added that Section 4021 of the Revised Statutes authorizes the postmaster-general to establish resident mail agencies at such foreign ports "at which United States mail-steamers touch to land and receive mails, as may in his judgment, promote the efficiency of the foreign mail service," etc. This statute was passed over fifty years ago and provided specifically for the establishment of resident mail agencies at the ports of Panama and Aspinwall in New Granada (Colombia); Havana in Cuba and St. Thomas, Danish West Indies.

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Transcendant—The lively interest that is still being shown in the five cent red error is proof of the profound impression made on the philatelic mind by the discovery of this wonder of wonders. Even when the philatelic pulse calms down and the first excitement attending the appearance of the stamp dies away, there will be an enthusiastic regard entertained for the error that time will strengthen, instead of loosen. It cannot be otherwise as the error is the stamp marvel of this or any other age. It is so phenomenal in all of its aspects that it about defies analysis. However, we need not attempt to consider the stamp psychologically, as it were, as there is so much about the stamp that still makes it a live topic. One reader says that we have not commented on the evidences of re-entry shown in the design of the first error on the double sheet; a close examination will show at the top of the left frame line, traces of the first entry or impression and the label containing "Postage," reveals the duplication.

Information—To all the readers who have written to us on the subject of the error, we return thanks; and in some instances, their remarks have been worked into our reports on the stamp. In this connection, we cannot forbear to quote from a letter that has come from Mr. H. F. Colman of Washington: "I saw Mr. Fitch, Chief of the Stamp Division, Post Office Department, and asked him when the error was first called to the Department's attention; and he told me that the error was discovered at Christiana's drug store, sub-station 79, at the corner of 9th street and Pennsylvania avenue, which is only four squares from my office. Dr. Barrett, who has charge of the drug store, took one of the stamps to Mr. Fitch. I should say that about a week before the Department issued the order recalling the 'misprinted stamp,' a clerk in Station G, one block from my office, and where I mail my letters and register mail, informed me that there was a five cent stamp printed in red. I thought that he was joking, as I knew that we had the five cent parcel post and the five cent due. . . . When the order was issued, all of the sheets of these stamps in Washington were taken out of the packages for destruction. In fact, one was unable to purchase a package of five hundred sheets unless the sheets were searched through for the error. You know, stamps are packed five hundred sheets to a package and sealed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing."

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Returned—We have been told that a good slice of the printing that embraced fewer than 150,000 errors is lost to collectors. Further than to say that many sheets have been returned to Washington and that in the returns, the two error sheets predominate, we cannot speak positively. We have no statistics as to the number of sheets perforated 10 and 11, respectively; and in view of the shifting market quotations on the errors we must adhere to our resolution to refuse estimates of value in this column. It is apparent, however, that after a marked decline, the errors have slowly been improving in price and continued firmness is anticipated.

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Ferrary—From the *London Philatelist* we learn through a memorial contributed to its columns by Mr. Charles J. Phillips, of the death on May 20, 1917, of Philip La Rénotière von Ferrary. The age of Philip La Rénotière, as he chose to be called for some years past, is estimated to have been about sixty years. The present generation of collectors will not be affected by the news so markedly as the older collectors will, as they remember the time when the name of the son of the Duchess of Galliera, "probably the richest woman in Europe," was foremost as a stamp collector in the newspapers of the world. Some time ago, we had the privilege of publishing a rather intimate personal article on the subject of the world's greatest collector, in some respects, of all philatelic times and Mr. Phillips in his appreciation devotes his pen to a description of his collections, in some degree. While the Ferrary collection has been referred to as a mausoleum, yet we are assured by Mr. Phillips, who had access to it at all times that Ferrary, though something of a philatelic recluse, so far as the philatelic world at large was concerned, was glad to enrich the store of knowledge of philatelists generally. Mr. Phillips says that it is almost impossible "to give anyone an idea of the wealth of material in this collection." In some respects, the Ferrary collection is made great by its inclusion of a stamp only one of which is known, British Guiana, 1856, large oblong, error, 1c instead of 4c. The passing of this most distinctive figure of the philatelic world will be noticed with sympathy for one who was so valiant, and tremendous a champion of the gentle hobby.

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Business—Here we are almost in midsummer and yet business is going on at many a philatelic stand as usual. In fact June will be a banner month for not a few dealers, who will not be indisposed to recognize the adventitious aid rendered by the errors which have kept rapt attention on philately for the month past. The United Stamp Company makes a point in this connection that we may have overlooked. In speaking of the unusual demand at this time of year for albums and accessories, the manager says that not alone has the error stimulated trade but that the newspaper item mentioning the Worthington collection as a million dollar property had its effect. The public announcement that a collection could be worth that huge sum has a heartening influence on modest buyers and those who ordinarily do not take philately to be the substantial monetary factor that it is. This year, it is safe to say that philately will take a very short vacation, if it takes any at all.

ITALIAN AEROPLANE MAIL.

Several of our readers have sent us in clippings giving the particulars of an air postal service recently placed in operation in Italy. We are indebted to H. C. Upson for *Commerce Reports* and we quote Consul Haven, who under date of May 12, writes from Turin the information contained below:—

"The firm of Pomilio & Co., of Turin, intends within a few days to inaugurate an aero transport service between this city and Rome. Permission has been accorded by the Italian Minister of Posts and Telegraphs for the carrying of mail between the two cities and the surrounding sections, and until special stamps have been issued by the Government the ordinary "express" or "special delivery" stamp of $0.05 is to be used, with a note made on the envelope that the letter is to be sent by aeroplane. No stamp other than the "special delivery" is required, but the using of this stamp for this particular service does not imply the delivery of the letter by special messenger to destination, as would ordinarily be the case. Special letter boxes are to be placed in the post offices and railway stations in both Rome and Turin wherein letters for the aero post may be deposited."

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(Continued from last week.)

Jamaica.—From and after April 1st, 1916, letters and post cards passing within the Colony were taxed ½d, and parcels arriving from overseas, 3d. The tax was also made effective for all letters and cards, and parcels, addressed to the United Kingdom and British Possessions.

Special stamps were in readiness for the occasion, formed by overprinting the current ½d Arms, yellow green, on thin paper, and the 3d King George, violet on yellow, surfaced paper, with WAR STAMP., in 6-point Roman caps, in one line. The ½d in this and all subsequent printings, was overprinted in complete sheets of 240 stamps (four panes of 60 each), and the 3d in sheets of 120 stamps (two panes of 60 each). The overprinting was done by the Government Printing Office at Kingston, and the only varieties occurring were in the ½d value. These consist of no period after STAMP, and W and AR spaced.

The July printing consisted of the ½d blue green, on heavier white paper, with white gum, and the 3d King George, violet on lemon yellow paper. Both values exist without the period after STAMP.

In March 1½d stamps were ordered by cable from the Crown Agents in London, and while these arrived on June 21st, they were not placed on sale until July 13th. This value was printed in orange, in the King George design of the Colony, from plate 1, and comes in sheets of 240 stamps, (four panes of 60 each). It was added to the series in use to take care of the combined letter rate and the war tax, but the public continuing to make use of the 1d and 1½d stamps, the 1½d was overprinted WAR STAMP., in two lines of 6-point Roman font, and placed on sale Sept. 1st, 1916. The change to two lines was due to trouble in centering the overprint at the press. The overprinted stamp exists without the period after STAMP.

On September 18, 1916, the 3d violet on golden yellow, with the WAR STAMP. overprint, in one line, was issued. One stamp to a sheet shows the no period variety.

The ½d blue green, with the two line overprint, was issued in early October; the 3d violet on lemon yellow, on October 3rd, and on November 6th, the 3d violet on golden yellow appeared. The first two varieties exist with the no period error.

In the December printings of the ½d, 1½d, and the 3d on lemon yellow and golden yellow papers, occurred the variety S and TAMP spaced.

The January, 1917, printing brought the most desirable errors in the war stamp issues of the Colony. The 1½d and 3d on the two papers were issued with the "S" of STAMP omitted. Sheets from this printing were on sale but a few days when brought to the attention of the postal authorities, who immediately went over the sheets in stock and added the "S" by handstamping. In the January printing were also included some sheets of the 1½d orange, with inverted watermark.

In March, 1917, the 1½d and 3d on golden yellow paper appeared with the WAR STAMP. overprint in two lines, but with letters of the 8-point Roman font. The ½d blue green with this overprint was placed on sale the middle of April. All three values exist with the period omitted after STAMP., and on the second pane several stamps show the AR and AMP of the overprint in letters of the previous 6-point Roman font.

St. Kitts-Nevis.—Effective September 1st, 1916, a tax of ½d "on all letters posted to places in the British Empire, except the Leeward Islands." The Post Office Notice advised—"½d stamps surcharged WAR STAMP will shortly be on sale for this purpose, and until these are ready ordinary stamps can be used." The stamps as received from the Crown Agents in October, however, had the overprint WAR TAX in tall, narrow, sans serif capitals. The stamp was blue green in color, and printed on a very thin paper, showing the watermark transparently. A later consignment sent out was printed on a medium weight paper. The WAR TAX setting duplicates the type and spacing used for the London overprinted stamps of Grenada and St. Lucia.

St. Lucia.—The 1d tax on letters and parcels addressed to the British Empire, became effective June 1st, 1916. The current 1d scarlet, plate 3, and 1d carmine, plate 1, stamps were overprinted locally, WAR TAX, in tall, thin type, in two lines. The setting was for 30 stamps, and two operations were necessary to complete a pane of 60.

London overprinted stamps reached the Colony in early September. WAR TAX is in one line, and duplicates in type and spacing the overprint applied to the stamps of Grenada and St. Kitts-Nevis. The stamp overprinted was the 1d scarlet from plate 5.

St. Vincent.—Delay in receiving a supply of the 1d current stamps from London made necessary a surcharged stamp in January, 1915. The 1s black on green, King George type, which stamp had been replaced by the 1s printed in bistre, was surcharged in red, ONE PENNY., in two lines in heavy block type, with a narrow bar underneath cancelling the original value. The surcharge was applied by means of two handstamps, one showing ONE ONE, and the other PENNY. PENNY. with the bar underneath the word. Two stamps were surcharged at a time, first with the ONE handstamp, and then with the PENNY. and bar. Double surcharges are known, as well as a pair showing one stamp without any surcharge whatsoever; a block has also been seen in which the word ONE is missing on one of the stamps. The numbers surcharged were 15,590.

In May, 1916, regulations were passed providing for a 1d war tax on all letters and parcels for the British Empire, effective June 1st. The current 1d carmine, King George type, was overprinted locally WAR STAMP. in two lines, in block sans serif type. The overprint was applied by means of a handstamp, the setting being in duplicate, so that two stamps received the overprint at one impression. In its original state, the handstamp showed a comma after the word STAMP in the left hand setting instead of a period, thus every other stamp in the sheet showed the comma variety. The handstamp was corrected after the first printing, so that subsequent printings showed periods for both settings. As is to be expected with handstamped overprints, stamps are known with double impressions.

In August, 1916, the London overprinted stamps arrived; the stamp was deep red in color, and the overprint WAR STAMP, in one line of condensed type. A consignment reaching Kingstown in December contained stamps printed in deep scarlet.

The London overprinted stamps becoming exhausted, a further local printing was made in May, 1917, and as in the case of the June, 1916, printing, the overprint was applied with a handstamp. This handstamp had the setting of WAR STAMP. in two lines of block sans serif type, the duplicate, so that, as previously, two stamps were overprinted at one operation. This overprint is a duplicate of the previous locally applied WAR STAMP. overprint in all respects save one, and that is, the vertical spacing

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OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN.,
WASHINGTON, June 20, 1917.

Many postmasters failed to report the increased value of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers in their stamp accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1917, as required by instructions on page 5, March Supplement to the Postal Guide. These postmasters should report the increase in their stamp accounts for the quarter ending June 30, 1917, as applying to their stocks of plain and office-request envelopes and of wrappers on hand on the day they received the card notice dated January 27, 1917, from the Department.

The new prices of envelopes to be used in determining the increase are the rates for "low back" envelopes printed in February, 1917, Postal Guide, pages 6, 7, 9 and 10. The method of determining and reporting the difference is explained on page 5, March Guide.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding varieties and new issues gratefully received. Address PERCY McG. MANN, 720 Liberty Bldg., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents. Numbers in parentheses indicate the previous issue of the WEEKLY in which information germane to the subject was published.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. R. W. Boisselier submits the 2c rotary press printed coil stamp, unwatermarked, perf. 10, and draws attention to horizontal laid lines in the paper, which remains even after the gum has been soaked therefrom. The laid lines were noted by philatelists when the rotary press printed coil stamps first appeared; the laid lines are particularly strong on these stamps. There have been many discussions as to the cause of the apparently laid lines which have been noted for years in the Bureau printed stamps, and after much investigation authorities have come to the conclusion that these lines were impressed in the paper by worn press blankets. In Mr. Severn's editorial of June 23rd he says: "Under the printing wheels of the rotary press is another wheel covered with a cloth blanket (we suppose) that turns the printed scroll so that it mounts the spool easily." We have an idea that this cloth covered wheel is what causes the laid lines in the coil paper. The rotary stamps are printed under pretty heavy pressure, which is necessary to take the ink from the recess plates onto the paper, which, unlike the flat plate printed stamps, is dry. This pressure is strong enough to force the backing into the paper, which in turn is forced into the recess plate, and as the backing is without doubt the cloth covered wheel, the cloth causes the laid lines. Mr. Ralph, Director of the Bureau, has stated emphatically that *no* laid paper is used, therefore the "laid" occurs in the printing or production of the stamps.

(1375)—*Scott's Circular* chronicles the 1c postage due on unwatermarked paper, perf. 11. We have seen the 2c, but as yet had not listed the 1c.

Postage Due.

1c carmine.

Our contemporary persists in sticking to the color as "deep claret" for the recent postage dues, while we doubt if any of them can be called claret at all. We wonder if they will persist in calling the late watermarked, perf. 10, 2c aniline-vermilion a "claret" colored stamp.

AUSTRIA.—(1368)—The *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* chronicles on the authority of "Der Philatelist" two provisional postage due stamps. The surcharges are on values we never heard of before, and are "PORTO 10" on 24 heller blue and "PORTO 20" on 54 heller orange. In our issue of March 17 we chronicled a provisional "PORTO 15" on the 2h blue-violet of the 1908 issue, but we never heard of 24h and 54h stamps in any Austrian series, and therefore await further information before formally listing them. By-the-way, the provisional postage due stamp we chronicled, as mentioned above, was not on the 1908 issue, but on the unsurfaced paper issue of 1913, which, unfortunately, the Scott Catalogue does not deign to list.

BAHAMAS.—(1366)—*Stamp Collecting* for June 2nd printed the following: "We recently stated that there is no appreciable distinction between the first and second printings of the Special Delivery stamp, but Mr. W. S. Clark has pointed out two important points of difference. In a copy of the printing in pale orange and gray-black, the 'V' of 'DELIVERY' is under the letters 'CI' of 'SPECIAL'," (our contemporary's correspondent must have meant "under the letters 'EC'") "and the last letter of the latter word is over the first stroke of the letter 'Y' of the former, while a copy of the surcharged stamp in orange and black shows that the 'V' is under 'C' of 'SPECIAL' and the 'L' of 'SPECIAL' is over the second stroke of the final letter of the overprint."

We believe our chronicle of March 3rd covers this matter regarding the spacing of the words "SPECIAL" and "DELIVERY," although the position of the two words in relation to each other varies to a more or less degree on many of the sixty stamps in the sheet. In the pale orange and gray-black stamps we have seen a vertical pair showing the two different positions of the two words as described by Mr. Brown in our chronicle of March 3rd, one with the "E" of "DELIVERY" directly under the "S" of "SPECIAL," while the lower stamp of the pair has the "E" to the right of the "S."

In passing we may state that although the first printing of 600 of these stamps may have been from plate 1 and of a lighter orange and gray-black color, that number having been dispatched to Canada as a first lot, the lot of 6,000, called the second printing, consisted of both light orange and gray-black (so said from plate 1) and deeper orange and black (which were from plate 2, we understand). It is interesting to remember that the varieties mentioned above occur in both printings, and that, therefore, these variations do not enable one to identify the two printings. In fact, we believe, after the first 600 were sent off to Canada, the printing press was kept working and turned out the further 6,000, so when the stamps from plate 1 were thus overprinted the printing was continued on plate 2 stamps, and it may so turn out that the deep orange and black stamps overprinted "SPECIAL DELIVERY" are not as plentiful as the light orange and gray-black copies. If there is any one in a position to give the actual figures regarding the number of stamps from plate 1 and plate 2 that were used for Special Delivery stamps, we would be glad to publish the information

BRITISH HONDURAS.—(1370)—Our former chronicle of the 1c stamp overprinted "War" mentioned it in pale green. We now learn that the latest consignment sent out to this colony was in a more blue-green shade and printed from plate 2 in place of the former plate 1, which to all accounts were in the pale green. The latest 1c stamp without the overprint is also of the blue-green color. Both items of information we gather from *Marsh's Weekly Philatelist.*

Adhesive.

1c blue-green.

War Stamp.

1c blue-green, overprinted "WAR".

CHINA.—Mr. Theodore Siddall writes: "I hear that the Chinese authorities are considering whether or not it is advisable to use watermarked paper for their stamps, as a further preventive of forgery."

The same correspondent writes: "I see the Stanley Gibbons catalogues the London print of the 1913 issue of China as a separate issue. Perhaps Scott will also give recognition to them. The Peking prints are not transfers from the same dies as the London prints, but are entirely new engravings, as any one who studies his stamps may easily see. The Postage Due stamps of 1913 are also found from entirely different plates, the difference being slighter than in the postage series, and the colors do not differ one from the other printing as much as do the colors of the postage stamps. The Postage Dues are made from entirely different engravings, the Peking plates being copied from the London plates."

Mr. Siddall submits the two printings, London and Peking, of the Postage Dues, Scott's No. 341, and we will describe the differences between them. Gibbons' lists the 1c of the Peking printing, but without explanatory note.

The London print of the ½c design is a trifle over 22 mm. in height, while the Peking print is a trifle shorter than 22 mm., both printings being the same width, 14 mm. Take Scott's type D4, and you will see a Chinese character in the colorless space over the words "Postage Due." In this character the lower stroke at the left looks like a bent tack; in the Peking print the "tack" is longer and more bent, extending over the "T" in "Postage," while in the London print the "tack" does not extend over the "T." This description is enough to identify the two printings one from the other. There are other differences: In the horizontal lines of the background, under the floriate ornament at the top, the first line under this ornament, in the London print, is continuous, while in the Peking print this line is broken at the points of the ornament; likewise the second line above the curve above the "1" of the lower right "½" is continuous in the London print, while it is broken by the point in the Peking print. Still other slight differences can be located if one were to examine very closely.

Again quoting Mr. Siddall's letter, we have: "I have got at the true status of the stamps listed under China, Nos. 109 to 118, in the 'Standard' catalogue. They are pretty well described in the note that follows No. 148, on the same page (207), with the slight difference that when those numbered 109 to 118 were sold at the post office they did not have any surcharge whatever, the same being applied as a private speculation pure and simple by a printer in Tientsin."

DOMINICA.—We see in *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* that a variety occurs in the overprinted "War Tax" stamp, which they describe as a "smaller" "O" in "ONE."

War Tax Postage.

½d deep green and green,
a. variety, smaller "O" in "ONE".

FIJI.—*Scott's Circular* publishes the following: "It is reported that a sheet of the one penny war tax stamps has been found with the overprint "War Stamp" shifted to the left so that the right vertical row of stamps is without the overprint. This means that the sheet, if broken up, will yield just ten pairs of stamps with and without the overprint."

FINLAND.—The *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* says on the authority of Mr. A. Krause of Helsingfors that a new series of stamps is being prepared for this country.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* publishes the following: "Misprint Errors.—A ½d Die III variety.—In the first batch of sheets, which came to our notice on issue, with Control 'I 16' and two minute cuts on the line above, we discovered a particularly interesting curiosity. In the lower left corner stamp of the sheets, the back of the head has an extraordinary disarrangement of the hair. Further sheets from the same plate (distinguishable by formation of Control and cuts) appeared later, but these had the defect corrected." *Ewen's* states that they have only located twenty-five sheets with the defect.

The same contemporary reports the finding of sheets with Control J 17 showing a variety in the 11th stamp of the 19th row, a heavy color mark which, excepting the extreme top ridge, totally covers the ear of the portrait. A supply of thirty sheets showed the variety regular throughout.

Ewen's also chronicles the regular 8d postage stamp on a new kind of yellow paper, which is deeper in shade than the original straw color milling and has minute variegated color fibres therein.

Adhesive.

8d black on yellow-granite.

(Offices in China.)—(NOTE: Former chronicles under China and Hong Kong will now be given under the present heading.) Mr. Theodore Siddall writes: "I get the *Philatelic Magazine*, published in England, and in the March number saw an item of news to the effect that the late Hong Kong stamps surcharged China were to be further decorated with a surcharge of a Chinese word meaning 'China.' I asked the British postmaster here (Shanghai) if there was any truth in this story, and he said that if there

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was he probably would have heard of it, but that he had not heard before, and hearing now did not believe it. As the Shanghai office is the largest British office in China, and as the postmaster here is the one who suggested printing 'China' on the Hong Kong stamps, he ought to know if they were to have the Chinese surcharge added. It is possible that a new series may be issued for the British offices in China, but it is more likely that the British offices here, together with all the foreign agencies in China, will be closed about at the end of the war."

INDIA.—*(Cochin Native State.)—Alfred Smith & Son's Circular* reports the first value of a new series with portrait of the new Raja. It is overprinted "On C G S."

Official Stamp.

4 pies green.

INHAMBANE.—Several foreign contemporaries report the appearance of the 1902 issue, 2½ reis to 700 reis, overprinted locally "REPUBLICA" in red.

JAPAN.—*(Offices in China.)*—Mr. Theodore Siddall advises us: "The 5 and 10 yen Japanese China on watermarked paper, Scott's numbers 44 and 45, have not yet been issued by the post offices in China."

MACAO.—(1378)—Our chronicle of May 26th contained a mention of the purchase of Macao by Japan, and the Associated Press dispatch reporting the purchase was published in our issue of March 31st. Mr. Theodore Siddall writes under date of May 23rd: "I noticed in a late number of the WEEKLY that Japan had bought the Portuguese colony of Macao, and as there are several natives of Macao employed in our office who have families there, I asked them, and they all said that it was not only news to them, but that they did not believe there was any truth or likelihood in the story. They said that if there were any negotiations of the kind pending it would most likely have been published in the Macao papers, but that nothing of the kind had been printed."

MEXICO.—(1379)—Going back over our Chronicles since January 13th, we find that Mexico had been sadly neglected. Mr. Herman Focke sent in good news which was improperly reported by us, especially in our issue of June 2nd. The list of new issues given in our issue of January 13th is apparently correct, since which time new values of 3c, 4c, 20c and 30c have been issued. The 3c has a portrait of Suarez, the 4c one of Carranza, but not having (personally) seen the 20c and 30c the names of the men portrayed on them is as yet unknown to us, likewise the colors are rather mixed up in our mind. *Scott's Circular* calls the 20c rose, while our previous chronicle called it claret; likewise the same contemporary calls the 30c gray, while we listed it as mauve. Perhaps one of our kind readers will submit a set of these stamps to us for proper chronicle.

NEW ZEALAND.—*Scott's Circular* chronicles the 1½d typographed stamps overprinted for official use with the word "OFFICIAL."

Official Stamp.

1½d gray-black.

NYASSA.—(1382)—The two postal cards chronicled in our issue of June 23rd should have been described as cards of Mozambique overprinted "NYASSA" in small capitals.

PAPUA.—(1365)—The *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* states on the authority of Mr. Griebert that two new stamps have been issued in the bi-colored set. The 1d was listed in our Chronicle for April 14th, and the new values are the 3d and 5sh.

Adhesives.

1d red and black.
3d green and black.
5sh dark green and black.

PORTUGAL.—*Alfred Smith & Son's Circular* chronicles the 30c on yellow instead of rose paper.

Adhesive.

30c brown on yellow.

SALVADOR.—*Alfred Smith & Son's Circular* chronicles new postal cards for this country with stamp of the "National Theatre," lithographed by the American Bank Note Co.

Postal Cards.

1c green on cream.
1c+1c green on cream (reply).

(1376)—Of the provisional stamps chronicled in our Chronicle of May 12th, 34,000 of the 2c and 31,000 of the 5c official stamps overprinted with the date "1915" and with the word "OFICIAL," had the latter word barred out, and they were sold for ordinary postage purposes.

SAMOA.—(1381)—*Marsh's Weekly Philatelist* chronicles the 1sh New Zealand stamp overprinted "Samoa" in deep blue. It comes with both perforations in the same sheet, 14 x 13½ and 14 x 14½. King George issue type.

Adhesive.

1sh orange-red.

SHANGHAI.—*Stamp Collecting* publishes the following: "Mr. M. Giwelb shows us a postally used copy of the 5c rose (the two halves perforated between, but not separated) of the 1890-92 issue surcharged '½ct' twice (Gibbons' No. 167a), having the right-hand surcharge inverted."

If our contemporary had delved a little deeper into the matter, it would have found the variety duly catalogued a little further down in the Gibbons list, as No. 170a.

SPANISH MOROCCO.—The *Madrid Filatelico* for May has quite an article on errors in the recently issued overprinted Spanish stamps used in this protectorate. The overprint reads, in three lines, "Protectorado Espanol en Marruecos", and the publisher of our contemporary has received and illustrates the 2c, 5c, 4p and 10p with an inverted first "R" in "Protectorado". The other values probably exist in the same state.

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Marsh's Weekly Philatelist* chronicles the 3c of the 1902 issue, King Edward, with inverted watermark.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—(1379)—*Scott's Circular* chronicles two new "War Tax" stamps, the regular issue being utilized and overprinted "WAR TAX" in large Roman letters in two lines. Our chronicle of June 2nd intimated that a new war tax stamp was placed in use on May 7th, but we had no description further than that the new issue would have the overprint in two lines. Instead of one new stamp we now have two.

War Tax Stamps.

½d green, two line overprint.
1d scarlet, two line overprint.

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WAR ISSUES BR. WEST INDIES.

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of the words. The 1916 printing handstamp had the two words spaced 2 mm. vertically, whereas in the 1917 printing, the spacing is 3 mm. The 1d in deep scarlet has received the overprint.

Trinidad and Tobago.—Quite unintentionally a provisional ½d stamp made its appearance in this Colony in September, 1914. The local Red Cross Society in sending out an appeal for funds, secured permission from the Governor, to frank these letters with the Society's Red Cross label. This label was printed in red on white paper, showing in the center the Genevan Cross, and lettered around the margin RED CROSS — SOCIETY — TRINIDAD — ONE FRACTION,—the whole being framed in red lines. On September 18, 1914, a lot of between 800 and 900 letters were presented at the General Post Office, Port of Spain, and request was made for urgent delivery. The Post Offices in the outlying districts of the Islands had not yet been informed of the franking power of the label, and to prevent delay, and the letters being taxed, the labels were cancelled with the G. P. O. cancelling stamp, showing 3 p. m. Sept. 18, 1914. After this date all letters of the Society passed under frank of a member of the Society, and while bearing the labels, the Post Offices were urged to see that these labels were not cancelled.

On Trafalgar Day, October 21, 1915, a special Red Cross stamp was issued, consisting of the current 1d red, Britannia, overprinted, by means of lithography, with a Cross in red, outlined in black, with the date below "21.10.15." 100,000 were issued. One-half the amount realised from the sale of these Red Cross stamps was given to the Red Cross Society, nad the balance to the general revenue of the Society.

Trafalgar Day in 1916 brought forth another Red Cross stamp. This time the 1d scarlet, on thin paper, showing the watermark transparently, received a similar overprint, except that the date "19.10.16." was above the Cross instead of below. 250,000 constituted this issue. Stamp 92 of the sheet showed no period after the date.

April 2nd, 1917, brought into force a tax of 1d on letters. The current 1d Britannia, scarlet on thin paper, showing the watermark transparently (210,000), and a limited number of the 1d dull red on thick white paper, with dull white gum (30,000) were overprinted WAR TAX, in tall thin caps, in one line.

Difficulty in centering at the press made necessary a change to a two line overprint, and on May 7th, the 1d red on thick white paper was issued, WAR TAX being in heavy fancy caps. The ½d green, with this same overprint, appeared at the same time, but at this writing details are lacking as to what matter takes this tax.

In both printings the overprint has been applied by means of lithography, to complete sheets of 120 stamps.

Turks and Caicos Islands.—Law 7 of 1916, approved by the Governor of Jamaica on November 4th, 1916, provided for war taxes of 1d on letters intended for the United Kingdom, the Colonies, and Dominions, and 3d on every parcel arriving in and departing from the Dependency. This became effective January 2nd, 1917, to remain in force up to and including December 31st, 1917.

While consideration was first given to overprinting the stamps locally, it was found that sufficient type of a particular font was not at hand, and De La Rue & Co. of London were requested to make up a 60-subject WAR TAX overprint plate, and send out to Grand Turk. The plate arrived in late December, and overprinted stamps were first issued on January 2nd, 1917.

The type of overprint is identical with that used for Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Kitts-Nevis, being in narrow sans serif capitals, and the stamps receiving the overprint were the 1d red, and 3d violet on yellow, of the current George type.

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Virgin Islands.—A 1d tax on letters, and 3d tax on parcels, addressed to the British Empire, outside of the Leeward Islands, became effective September 1st, 1916, but overprinted stamps did not reach the Islands, until late October.

The first lot included the 1d carmine from plate 1, and the 1d scarlet from plate 5, and also the 3d violet on lemon yellow, from plates 1 and 5, overprinted WAR STAMP, one line of small condensed caps, duplicating in type and spacing that used for St. Vincent, by De La Rue.

In February, 1917, a further supply of overprinted stamps was received at Roadtown—the 1d being scarlet from plate 5, and the 3d violet on golden yellow, from plate 5.

(To be continued.)

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CHAPTER XXII—*Color Changes.*

Third Issue, Documentary.

Commencing with the two cent denomination, the frame of which was changed from blue to orange and first issued in orange November 4, 1871, seventeen documentary stamps of the second issue were printed in new colors until the documentary tax—except that on bank checks—was abolished, the repeal becoming effective October 1, 1872. The changes of color were probably all made in October, 1871, but as the contractor was required or supposed to keep at least three months' supply always on hand, most of the stamps did not appear in the new colors until early in 1872, when the supply of those already printed with blue frames became exhausted. The 5c value was first issued with orange frame December 11, 1871, and the other values in new colors followed in January and February, 1872, except the $3, which was first issued with frame in green March 7, 1872.

The values of the second issue that were not changed in color continued to be used until the tax was removed and altho it is convenient to classify the so-called third issue stamps separately we should remember that they are really part of the second issue. They paid the same tax, were printed from the same plates, on the same chameleon paper, and differ from the blue-and-black stamps only in the color of their frames. Stamps of both series were frequently used on the same document.

The change of colors was made to avoid confusion. The frames of the stamps of the same size are very much alike in design and when printed in the same color might readily be mistaken one for another. With few exceptions the new colors were similar to those used on the same denominations of the documentaries of the first issue. For years the public and those who handled the stamps had become accustomed to certain colors on certain denominations and fewer mistakes would be likely to occur by a return to the former arrangement than by the introduction of an entirely new color system. Thus the 1c value was changed back to red, the 2c, 6c, 60c and $20 to orange, the 4c, 15c and 40c to brown, and so on. The violets and mauves being too fugitive were not replaced and the 30c became orange and the $2.50 claret. Why the 5c was changed to orange instead of to vermilion or claret is not known. The $1 was made green because a color proof submitted for approval was too much like the color of the $1.30, (first issue?) and we can believe either that the commissioner made a mistake or that he intended to change the $1.30 back to orange. The $1.30 so closely resembles the $1.50 it does seem rather strange one or the other of them was not changed.

Just why the 30c was changed from blue rather than the 25c is not clear. Had the 25c been changed back to red all the values under one dollar in most frequent use, except the 5c would have been in the same colors as the same values of the first issue. The change of colors was made so hastily that perhaps the 30c was changed instead of the 25c through error or oversight.

There are a number of distinct shades to be found in the series. On the 2c, 5c and 60c the orange may be either yellowish or reddish. The brown varies slightly on the 4c and 15c and on the 40c comes in two quite marked shades. The 70c and $3 are usually yellow green but both also come in a beautiful dark green. The $1 is most often found in a medium tint and the $10 is not listed in the dark green shade.

Both the $2 and $5 occur in two shades of vermilion and the $20 is usually orange, but also exists in a vermilion tint identical with some of the $2 stamps. As the 2c is known with frame printed in the color of the 1c possibly the vermilion $20 is an error of color. The only copy of the 2c error on record was found by the present owner in a small collection obtained for a very moderate—not to say insignificant—sum many years ago. Faked copies are occasionally seen and sometimes an oxidized 2c will raise delightful anticipations in the heart of a collector. How easily can his hopes and fears as he awaits the

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CHAPTER XXIII.—*A Single Stamp.*

Fourth Issue, Documentary.

The Act of Congress approved June 6, 1872, and effective October 1, 1872, abolished all the documentary taxes except the bank check tax. The Act of June 30, 1864, where it applied to bank checks, etc., was amended to read:—

"Bank Check, draft, order or voucher for the payment of any sum of money whatsoever, drawn upon any bank, banker, or trust company . . . 2c"

This tax was paid by the 2c orange and black documentary stamps of the third issue, printed on chameleon paper until October, 1874, when the color of the paper for the proprietary stamps was changed to green. As it was not considered worth while to carry a separate stock of paper for the 2c documentary, commencing October 16, 1874, it was issued upon the green paper used for the proprietaries. It was last issued in October, 1875, and during the year it was in use over 44 million were issued. The green paper is similar to the chameleon paper in texture and thickness and contains the silk fibres. The writer cannot say why it was considered preferable to the violet paper. It was used continuously until all the documentary and proprietary stamp taxes were removed in 1883, but never on the private die stamps.

CHAPTER XXIV.—*High Values.*

1871-75 Proprietary Stamps.

The Boston Book gives little light as to how the high value proprietaries were used and intimates that there was no need for them after February, 1875. Apparently the letter of Mr. Carpenter of February 24, 1875, quoted on page 96 of the Boston Book refers to the Act of Congress of March 3, 1875. His letter of February 22 reads as though it was expected to use the high value proprietaries on whiskey stock in preference to the supply of second and third issue documentaries remaining in his hands, and he fears an extensive use of the large proprietary stamps. The $5 stamp, printed in sheets of 18, cost him in printer's wages alone $1.03 per thousand stamps and the government paid him only 23c per thousand for them delivered ready for use. The Act of March 3, 1875, made no changes in the proprietary tax and the writer fails to find anything in it which would call for the use of high value proprietaries on whiskey. Evidently the provision expected by Mr. Carpenter was not incorporated in the law.

Why were the high value proprietaries issued? It is obvious there was no real need for such high values before 1872, for the 50c Proprietary plate engraved in 1864 to furnish a supply of 50c stamps for use on photographs was never put to press and the last order for 10c proprietaries was received in December, 1869, and called for only 170 stamps—one sheet. There had been a 10c rate on playing cards but this was reduced to 5c in 1866. The reader's attention is called to Section 48 and part of Section 4 of the Act of June 6, 1872, in the part of that law which became effective August 1, 1872.

Sec. 48:—Amended to read—"That on all wines, liquors, or compounds known or denominated as wine, and made in imitation of sparkling wine or champagne, but not made from grapes grown in the United States, and on all liquors not made from grapes, currants, rhubarb or berries grown in the United States, but produced by being rectified or mixed with distilled spirits, or by the infusion of any matter in spirits, to be sold as wine, or as a substitute for wine, there shall be levied and collected a tax of *ten cents* per bottle or package containing more than one pint and not more than one quart, and at the same rate for any larger quantity of such merchandise, however the same may be put up or whatever may be the package; and the commissioner of internal revenue shall cause to be prepared suitable and special stamps denoting the tax herein imposed to be affixed to each bottle or package containing such merchandise, by the person manufacturing, compounding or putting up the same, before removal from the place of manufacturing, compounding or putting up; said stamps to be affixed and cancelled in such manner as the commissioner of internal revenue may prescribe; and the absence of such stamps from any bottle or package containing such merchandise shall be prima facie evidence that the tax thereon has not been paid, and such merchandise shall be forfeited to the United States. Any person counterfeiting, altering or re-using said stamps shall be subject to the same penalties as are imposed for the same offences in relation to proprietary stamps."

This section reads like parts of the law which refers only to tax paid stamps and yet the closing sentence classes the stamps to be issued to pay the tax as if they were proprietary stamps rather than "Tax Paids." In this connection it may be noted that between 1872 and 1884 only in the fiscal years 1874 and 1875 were there "compound liquor" stamps issued. Presumably these were for use on imitation wines under the provisions of Section 48. The quantities issued were:—

1874, Pints	2,000	Quarts	2,260
1875, Pints	160	Quarts	160

It is possible the orders for these stamps were filled with 7,000 ten cent proprietary stamps of the first and second issues, and that if, as it appears, the tax was not repealed in 1875, thereafter it was paid with green and black ten cent stamps and no separate record was kept as to whether they were used on imitation wines or on proprietary articles. No other provision of the revenue laws which explains the increased use of 10c proprietary stamps after 1875 has come to the writer's attention. There are no 10c private die match, medicine or perfumery stamps, and evidently very few patent medicines sold at $2.50 per bottle. Some of the 10c blue of 1881 are known to have been used on perfumery and of course it is possible most of the 10c green and black were also used to pay the perfumery tax.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—"The Shanghai Philatelic Society at a recent meeting listened to a paper by Mr. Woodward, a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, on the stamps of Formosa, illustrated by his fine collection of these stamps. The idea seems to be held in some quarters of the U. S. that these stamps were used for railroad tickets, but Mr. Woodward had plenty of them on original covers to show that at least some of them were postally used. But as these stamps are not used to fill out thousand-variety packets, perhaps their not being listed in the American catalogue does not make much difference. Mr. Woodward has several unique pieces that he would have had trouble separating from their owners if the stamps had been properly catalogued."—THEODORE SIDDALL.

—A. Atlas Leve of Syracuse, N. Y., announces the publication soon of a new collector's journal to be named *The American Collector*. The new journal will be published monthly and will treat on all subjects dear to collectors. A prospectus is now in preparation. Mr. Leve will be assisted by an able corps of associates, and is well known in the stamp world, having at one time published the *New Perforator*.

—T. W. Robey sends us a clipping from the Norfolk (Va.) *Ledger-Dispatch* of July 2 which illustrates the current 2c stamp as being larger in size than a copy of the New Testament pictured alongside of it. While it is against the department rules for U. S. stamps to be illustrated, the warning, "don't do it again," is usually the penalty.

—"I am numbered with the dealers who were bitten by Lazos and came very near sending him a valuable lot on account of his really clever letter. The day has come when society numbers fail to protect dealers and as you suggest there should be some way adopted by the big societies to get the 'best quality' in its membership, instead of 'biggest quantity'."—F. J. STANTON.

—"I notice that the Cincinnati Philatelic Society claims the honor of being the first society to hold a stamp auction for the benefit of the American Red Cross and that $50 was contributed. I beg to take exception to their statement. It might be of interest to you to know that the Springfield Stamp Club, May 4, held a stamp auction for the sole benefit of the Red Cross and $21.00 derived from same. I now hold a receipt from them for this amount. There were eight members and one visitor present at this meeting. I think we can now justly claim the honor of holding the first Red Cross stamp auction."—LEIGH F. MORGAN.

—A correspondent informs us in connection with the use of the Bahamas stamp surcharged "Special Delivery" that there are no Canadian troops in the islands, nor have there been any troops there during the war. This comment is made in connection with Mr. Huber's article on "War Issues of the B. W. I." Our correspondent adds that the stamps were issued for the purpose of giving special delivery to letters addressed primarily to Canadians residing at Bahamas during the tourist season. It is a favorite resort for a number of wealthy Canadian business men, especially from Ontario. They had constant complaints in regard to the delivery of mail, much of which was of importance. Their influence was sufficient to have provided the "Special Delivery" stamp issued. Until the war broke out there was direct steamship service between Canada and the Bahamas, and a large volume of business was done.

—The Lynn Philatelic Society is making an active campaign to bring their membership up to 100 by January, 1918. The membership of this enterprising society now stands at 40. At least 12 members will attend the annual convention of the National Philatelic Society at Portland, Maine.

INSTRUCTION REGARDING POSTAL MONEY ORDER AND REGISTRY SERVICES FOR U.S. EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN EUROPE.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,
WASHINGTON, June 28, 1917.

In accordance with Order No. 413, establishing a United States Mail Agency in France, postmasters are informed that money orders may be issued at domestic rates payable at such Agency. Payment will be made promptly at headquarters of the Agency or at the branch assigned to the military unit to which the payee belongs.

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LA RENOTIERE OR VON FERRARY?

We think, with all due deference to the late millionaire and to his biographer Mr. Phillips, that the latter has gone out of his way in upholding Ferrary as an alleged admirer of our own country. "In losing Ferrary," says Mr. Phillips, "we have not only lost the greatest stamp collector there has ever been, but we British have lost a great friend, a true lover of our land and institutions, and a generous helper in all times of distress." But what said the adopted son of Ritter Emanuel la Rénotière von Kriegsfeld when, on the outbreak of the present hostilities, he packed up his traps (the stamps excepted) and shook the hospitable dust of Paris from off his Austrian shoes? It would be interesting to have a French biographer's version.—*Stamp Collecting.*

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EDITORIAL.

Anticipation—It is a foregone conclusion that the three cent postage rate will be adopted by congress as a war measure and so early as May 29th, 1917, the Washington *Post* said: "Director Joseph E. Ralph already has anticipated the new 3-cent postage rate by having millions of stamps printed." A correspondent says that it is intended to give precedence to the war revenue bill in order that its provisions may become law and dissipate the uncertainty that now prevails. It may be said here that Director Ralph has added twelve hundred employés to the force of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which is being operated on a twenty-four hour basis. This extraordinary demand on the Bureau which has swollen the product to a volume far beyond that of any previous period has not escaped attention; and the following is the first "Whereas" of a resolution considered by the Chicago Federation of Labor, protesting against overtime: "Whereas, government establishments, notably the bureau of engraving and printing, have been operating with excessive overtime, amounting to twelve hours a day and seven days a week, for several hundreds of employes, among them many women," etc. One gets a better idea of the way in which the "error" was committed by understanding the stress and strain undergone by Bureau workers.

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Racking—The "error" is getting on our nerves but at that, its effect has not been so lamentable on us, associating with it for months as we have, as on some other minds. We told of our correspondent who said that he had heard that five thousand dollars was asked for one of the sheets. Our advertising columns reflected the acrobatic leaps and bounds of the prices and "market" was a matter of hour even. A daily price-current would have shown marked changes in quotation between morning and night. Our advertising columns reflected the fluctuations so markedly that they could not escape notice, as we have said. An advertiser in the issue of June 9th, 1917, offered a two error sheet for one hundred dollars; and in the issue of June 23rd, 1917, prices that averaged fifty dollars a sheet were advertised. The second advertisement called forth the following scurrilous letter: "N. Y., June 28th, 1917. Private Collector:—I am particularly glad that you did not succeed in landing any sucker for a 5c red error at $100 per sheet and note that you are now willing to dispose of your plunder at exactly half the former price. Incidentally, I would call your attention to the fact that ——— are offering blocks or strips of this error at —— and ——, respectively. Anyone who puts a prohibitive price on such a transaction would steal the penny from a dead man's eye or take a stick of candy from a baby. I would gamble that you are a foreigner and sincerely hope that you will have to use the stamps of the sheets for use on mail matter," and with viler suggestion, the poison penman ends his letter, anonymous, as we suspect. "Private Collector" is not an editor and so is shocked at the vituperation of the contemptible cuss. We happen to know that our complainant does work for the attainment of higher standards of everything appertaining to philately; and we are going to reverse the usual rule which protects the reader against the advertiser and search our subscription list and upon finding the name of the libelous writer, scratch it off our lists as our protest against this sort of thing, as in all probability, Private Collector will not proceed against the man through the post office department, even though he has a strong case against the maligner.

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Reverse—We have occasion at times to speak of the shortcomings of dealers and when there comes to view a flagrant case of a collector imposing upon an advertiser, it is human nature that the dealer ask, What are you going to do about it. When dealers are remiss in fulfilling their obligations, actual or implied, we may call them to account, not because of any advantage to us but because of benefit to themselves ultimately by confirming a patron's faith in commercial philately. We hope that the American Stamp Dealers' Association will soon make a concerted attack on stamp frauds of the insidious kind as well as the deliberate kind. It would relieve us of work and worry if we could follow the findings of an investigating society in dealing with suspects. The welfare of the dealers beyond reproach demands that action should be taken to suspend the activities of those dealers who do not show a clean bill of health; and we are of the opinion that the house-cleaning will be all the more vigorous because of the undue delay in approaching the task.

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Judged—After meandering along in the usual legal way through continuances and re-assignments, the more or less celebrated case of the American Philatelic Society *versus* Henry Ades Fowler was decided at Chicago, by Judge Wells, on July 2, 1917; and judgment was rendered against Mr. Fowler for eighty odd dollars and costs. Messrs. Mudge and Severn were subpœnaed as witnesses for the prosecution and the case was of some interest, involving, as it did, the loss of two books from a circuit of the sales department while in the hands of Mr. Fowler. There were mitigating circumstances that broke the force of this bald statement but the judge ruled that the primacy of the Article VIII, Section 2 of the by-laws of the American Philatelic Society, which definitely fixes the responsibility of the one who took books from the sales superintendent was unshaken. This case originated in 1914 and has been a bone of contention for some time, as Mr. Fowler maintained that under the circumstances, he should not have been held liable for the loss which was duly paid out of the insurance fund. Mr. Fowler is undecided whether to carry the case to the appellate court or not.

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Unknown—A good many months ago, Mr. W. J. Stanton, Coronado, Cal., sent for inspection a cover that bore the impression in postmark form, in black, McMillan's Despatch Post. Mr. Stanton says: "I know nothing of the date or history other than the fact that the Bissells, the addressees, were vessel owners in Detroit in the early days. An examination of the old Chicago directories around the years 1837 to 1850 should throw some light on the date." Unquestionably, the McMillan impression was the franking seal of a letter-carrying agency in Chicago and we are in hopes that we shall obtain information on the subject that will allow us to quit the field of surmise for that of fact. Investigation of local history in Chicago is attended with some disappointment as the great fire of October, 1871, destroyed much material and data that ordinarily would now be available for proof and comparison. However, we have deputized a trained philatelist to follow up avenues of possible information on this and similar points.

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Kiwi—The kiwi, that rare bird, literally, that was embalmed in the philatelic zoo on the six pence pictorial set, 1898, New Zealand, is an "amoosin' cuss," *a la* Josh Billings and we never tire of reading of the idiosyncrasies of our quaint friend. Naturally, we snapped up the following description from the *Journal of Heredity:*

"There are many birds which can not fly, and some which have not even wings. One of these (shown above) is the Apteryx, of New Zealand, called by the natives kiwi-kiwi. The most superficial observer would at once remark that this bird lacks something, since it reminds one of a man without arms; for the wings are totally absent, and the place where they should be is covered with a close smooth growth of hairlike feathers. It is known that the ancestors of the kiwi had wings, and the problem for evolutionists is how it came to lose them. August Weismann pointed out that the wings were of no use to the bird, since it lives on the ground and hunts worms by night. It has no need of wings to obtain its food, nor to escape from enemies on the ground, since there are no native mammals except bats in New Zealand. In fact, wings might be rather a hindrance than otherwise to the kiwi in moving quickly through thickets and underbrush. Birds which were born with defective wings, therefore, were not penalized by natural selection; and as variations which would spoil a complicated structure like a wing are much more frequent than those which would make it more perfect, the wings gradually degenerated until they became mere rudiments which are externally altogether invisible."

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Thursday—Opening session in the morning at Official Headquarters in Falmouth Hotel and in the afternoon an organ concert at City Hall for which a special program has been arranged. In the evening a trip to Riverton Park Theater by trolley.

Friday—A complimentary dinner at the Falmouth Hotel following the morning session, with stamp auction in the evening.

Saturday—Closing session, after which the Art Museum and points of historic interest will be visited.

The advance reports indicate a large attendance; the Boston delegation of at least fifteen leaving Wednesday morning by the day boat, and arriving at Portland in the afternoon.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 212.)

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.—A British colony comprising the southeastern portion of the island of New Guinea or Papua, which is situated at the extreme northeast of Australia. It has an area of 90,000 square miles and a population of more than 350,000 It was proclaimed a British colony in 1888 and at first the ordinary stamps of Queensland were used there. In 1901, a special set inscribed with the name of the colony, made its appearance. In 1906, the name of the colony was changed to Papua, necessitating the overprinting of the stamps on hand and (in 1908) the issue of a new series bearing the new name. (See also Papua.)

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—(See North Borneo.)

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.—A volcanic archipelago in the Pacific east of New Guinea and about 1000 miles northwest of Fiji. The Solomon Islands are the most important and most remote of the large groups in the Pacific and though they were the first to be discovered they were the last to be explored, if, indeed, islands of whose interiors practically nothing is known, can be said to have been explored. In 1568 an expedition fitted out by the Spanish government spent about six months among the islands, and brought back to Peru an account of its discoveries, so carefully detailed and accurate that it is now possible, nearly three and a half centuries afterwards, to identify every harbor, islet and creek by which they passed. Yet, though numerous expeditions afterwards set out to discover them, they were so completely lost to Europeans that in the course of two centuries geographers entertained serious doubts as to their existence and they were actually expunged from the Chart, until they were re-discovered by Carteret (an Englishman) and Bougainville (a Frenchman) in the latter half of the 18th century. This is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the group consists of seven large islands and numerous small ones stretched like a net in the course of navigation in an almost unbroken line for about 700 miles. There is surely nothing in the history of maritime discovery more strange than the story of how the Isles of Solomon were discovered, lost and found again. Though re-discovered by Carteret during his explorations in the South Seas in 1766-69, no attempt was made to settle them. Indeed they passed into obscurity until they were visited by Bishop Patterson of the Melanesian Mission in 1857. In 1871, they came under the baneful influence of the labor market and of the thousands who were persuaded to "hire" themselves for service in the cotton fields of Queensland it is to be feared that but a small proportion went of their own free will. In consequence of the troubles resulting from the numerous raids the British government declared a protectorate over the islands in 1893 to save the blacks from the whites and the whites from the blacks. Two of the islands—Baku and Bougainville—had been under German protection since 1886. The islands forming the British protectorate are Choiseul, Ysabel, Mala, New Georgia, Guadalcanar, San Christobal, and numerous islets, the total area being 8,500 while the population numbers about 150,000 natives and less than 200 whites. Since 1898 the Santa Cruz group and other islands have been included in the Protectorate for administrative purposes. At first New South Wales stamps were used in this group but since 1907 it has had its own special stamps.

BRITISH SOMALILAND.—(See Somaliland Protectorate.)

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY.—The inscription shown upon all the stamps of Rhodesia issued prior to 1906. This Company was chartered on October 29th, 1889, through the efforts of Cecil Rhodes, who was its animating spirit until his death. It has great administrative powers in the extensive territory of Rhodesia, being authorised to promote trade and commerce, and to work and develop mineral and other concessions over an area of 750,000 square miles. (See also RHODESIA.)

BRITISH VICE-CONSULATE.—An inscription overprinted upon the first stamps issued in connection with the British Consular Mail of Madagascar.

BROAD STAR.—A variety of the "star" watermark found in the paper upon which many of the British colonial stamps manufactured by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., were printed. It has broader points than the more frequently met with "large star" variety.

BROADWAY, P. O.—A private post established in New York in 1848. It was located at 422½ Broadway and in 1850 was owned or managed by Mr. James C. Harriot. In the following year Mr. J. C. Dunham was the proprietor and how long he worked the post is uncertain. All we know is that in 1858 it belonged to the Rev. B. Lockwood, who held it until 1860. In that year it became the property of Mr. Charles Miller, who worked the post until it was closed about 1868. Only two stamps, both of the same design, were issued in connection with this post.

BROCH, LIEUT.-COL.—Designed the "numeral" stamps of Norway first issued in 1871 with values expressed in skilling.

BRONSON & FORBES CITY EXPRESS POST.—A local post of the United States established in 1850 and in connection with which a label (without indication of value) was issued.

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UNITED STATES.—Mr. John S. Otero submits a copy of the 8c perf. 10 in the color of the 10c, that is, yellow instead of olive. Careful examination and expert testing proves the original color, olive, to have been subjected to a wash of some strong alkali which has changed the olive to yellow. We recall a similar experience when we boiled in alkali soap water a copy of the first 12kr of Bavaria originally green, after its bath it was a beautiful lemon-yellow. However, we know of no way to change the 5c blue stamps to the color of the rose-pink 2c ones.

Mr. George W. Bye shows us a most extraordinary oddity, a 1c envelope stamp, entire, in the 2c color. The stamp is Die C, (Dayton die), variety 1. The envelope is made of white laid paper, unwatermarked, size 13, the knife being similar to 89, the top flap being nearly the same size as the bottom flap while the gum is narrow. Mr. Bye traced the stamp to its source, it having come from Mr. Alex. Baumgarten's collection, and, from the way the latter wrote, Mr. Bye assumes that more of the 1c red stamps existed, although Mr. Baumgarten assures him that he has no further copies.

Knowing nothing definite about this 1c red envelope oddity, we nevertheless consider it to be probably an essay of some kind, the unwatermarked paper of which it is made seems to lend this opinion, as well as the "return card" in the upper left corner which reads, repeated in seven lines of type: "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. A bird in". Is it possible that this curiosity was a Government envelope maker's try-out on a newly installed machine? Or is it a sample envelope sent out to envelope makers who wished to bid on the manufacture of the stamped envelopes?

Whatever it is, this 1c red envelope, it nevertheless passed through the mails in prepayment of postage.

(1383)—Mr. W. J. Mills calls our attention to the "New Rocky Mountain National Park Opens May 1st, 1917," cancellation coming from Denver. This was no doubt mentioned in the WEEKLY some time last year when it first appeared. This Chronicle will not attempt to cover old advertising cancellations, only "new issues".

Mr. Howard Spencer Levy hands us a most unusual error of date in a postmark. The Philadelphia machine cancellation "3 D" of June 26, 6.30 P. M., reads as follows: "JUL 26" (July 26). We have seen February twenty-ninths when it wasn't leap year and February thirtieths in leap year, also January firsts with the preceding year numerals unchanged, and various other errors, but the present mentioned one is a little unusual. Of course when July 26th comes this cancellation will lose its value as an error, so we will have the date of its use certified to before that time.

ANTIGUA.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp* News states that new printings of the ½d and 1d were placed on sale on May 7th. They are printed on thick paper with smooth white gum with the watermark opaque.

Adhesives.
½d dull blue-green.
1d deep scarlet.

BAHAMAS.—(1381)—*Ewen's Weekly* states there are two colors for the Red Cross stamp. We chronicled the stamp on June 2nd. They are printed from plate 2 and were probably issued in Nassau on May 18th. Our contemporary states that the rose-pink and gray stamp, as listed below, will probably be the scarcer of the two colors.

Red Cross Stamps.
1d bright red and gray-black.
1d rose-pink and gray-black.

BENIN.—Mr. Henry E. Abt writes as follows: "Some time ago I wrote to you describing the misprint in the Benin issue of 1894, one of the stamps having the word Benin spelt 'BFNIN' distinctly. Since then I have discovered another copy in a friend's collection, but upon repeated enquiries at the French Government Offices in Benin, Africa, by mail and from stamp experts I have been unable to find how many of these errors were printed, their value or origin. Have you found a clue."

The only clue to the matter that we know is, that in this type, issued by many of the French colonies, there are any number of queerly formed letters due to uninked type or broken type. The lettering in the bottom tablets is done by typography at a second operation after the rest of the design has been printed, and in some of the colonies' stamps, one can find almost every stamp in the sheet with some flaw that would distinguish its exact place in the sheet. There is no denying of the fact that there could not be an error of a single stamp in the sheet, unless from broken type or misprinting, because the method of making this type in the plate would not permit of one stamp being different than its fellow, the type for one stamp being a reproduction of an original type setting. A broken type "error" would occur as often as there are number of sheets printed, or as many as were printed after the type became defective. The latter would be very difficult to find out and impossible, unless the defect was noted and a record kept of the number of sheets printed after it was discovered. We doubt if the latter would be done by the printers of the French Colonies' Stamps.

CANAL ZONE.—*"The Economist Bulletin* for April states that the Canal Zone would issue 3, 8 and 48 cent stamps with pictorial designs. I showed the Bulletin to the Director of Posts and he advised that that was the first he knew about it. Personally, I do not think there will be any new values for the Zone for the present denominations are sufficient for its needs." So writes Mr. Frank E. Greene in *The Stamp Trade.*

Mr. Greene also contributed the following to our contemporary, and if a war tax goes into effect in the Canal Zone at the same time as it will undoubtedly go into effect in the U. S., the 3c stamp above mentioned will probably see the light of day, in contradiction to the above statement to the contrary; however, Mr. Greene was correct in his information at the time the information was given by him:

"The local paper contained cable news a day or two ago, to the effect that Congress was considering taxing letters, postal cards, newspapers, etc. Undoubtedly something of the kind will become law which will effect the Zone. Stamps for the Zone will undoubtedly be either special or U. S. with surcharge."

Our contemporary also contains the following news from Mr. Greene: "The regular U. S. Official Seals are being used in the Zone at present. Just why this is so, I am unable to state at present but it is my impression that an error was made in filling the last order. The seals are the blue on white paper, perf. 12."

CHILE.—(1375)—*The Postage Stamp* commenting upon our chronicle of the new 5c stamp in the issue of April 28th, remarks: "It is interesting to note that this 5c stamp . . . marks the first recorded stamp issue printed from the Dujardin machine for printing from recess plates on dry paper." This contemporary contained an account of the establishment of the Chilian Stamp Factory in its Vol. XIV, page 1, and of the installation of the Dujardin process in the same Vol., page 258.

Without doubt the other stamps of the new series with heads in black printed from recess-plates on dry paper had the heads printed on the Dujardin machine, as the frames are not engraved but surface printed it would be interesting to know if the both processes are the products of the same machine.

CHINA.—(1380)—Mr. Chas. E. Doty writes as follows: "During my visit to Peking it was my pleasure to visit the Chinese Bureau of Printing and Engraving. There I saw the printing of the new Commemorative stamps. They are nicely engraved, 1, 3, 4 and 10 cent denominations, upright and about 1 inch by 1¼ inches for engraving, top and bottom panels are bold Chinese characters, in the corners is the denomination, in the center within an oval is engraved the Temple of Heaven, at sides of oval a head of wheat. These stamps will be put into use upon the signing of the new constitution. Things have been looking gloomy for some time past as to the signing of the constitution. Looks more probable now that the Premier has been deposed and Dr. Wu Ting Fang appointed in his stead."

The return of Hsuan Tung to power, or at least to the throne, at Peking, restoring the rule of the Manchu Dynasty and the Empire, will probably have the effect of causing the above mentioned stamps to be classed as "prepared for use but never issued." Probably the Imperial Government will use them by overprinting something on them. China is bound to have new stamps of some provisional character, the country being divided and civil war in progress.

Mr. Wang Chin Chai sends us word, under date of June 2nd, that a new postal card of the value of 1½c was to be issued on July 1st. As the Republican Government was overthrown in Peking on July 2nd, in favor of the Imperial Government, we wonder what the fate of the new postal card will be. Probably it will be overprinted for Imperial Postage. We surmise that the cards were sent out for sale in other parts of China besides Peking.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* states that a new printing of the ½d stamps is in shiny bright green on thick paper with white gum, the previous issue being in dull green (pale shade) with yellow gum, both the old and the new having the watermark transparent.

Adhesive.
½d bright green.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* gives the *British Philatelist* as authority in recording the finding amongst a very large number of green embossed stamps, of one copy of the 1d struck in that color.

Envelope.
1d green (error).

The Philatelic Magazine states that the die number of the error is M2. It was the only copy found in a parcel of 28,800 ½d envelopes.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News states on the authority of the *British Philatelist* that a copy of the ½d King Edward design, provisionally printed by Messrs. Harrison in 1911, has been found with the wmk: a large crown *sideways.* The copy is used and postmarked Hull, Aug. 26th, 1911.

The same contemporary says a new printing of the George 1½d stamp is in a new shade, dull brown.

Adhesives.
1911. ½d green, watermark sideways.
1917. 1½d dull brown.

GREECE.—(1381)—Dr. Henry J. Perry informs us that he has now received the 20l Greek stamp of 1901 surcharged "K. P. Lepton 5" in three lines, as described in the Chronicle of June 16th. It was used with the Royalist 25l stamp, and as 25 lepta is the international postage rate, the stamps described in the Chronicle previously referred to and in the present are probably a form of War Tax.

War Tax Stamps.
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GRENADA.—(1350)—Last November, when we chronicled the locally overprinted War Tax, it was stated therein that there was a period after the word "TAX". Writing to us, Mr. Frank S. Thompson states that he has endeavored to secure the stamp with period but that all he has ever seen were without period. Mr. Thompson is undoubtedly right, as we have searched our own collection, the stock in the hands of Mr. Eugene Klein, as well as all catalogues and price lists of war stamps, and we cannot locate the fact that such a stamp was issued. The chronicle of the stamp with period, in No. 1350, was probably due to a typographical error or an unintentional mistake in the mss.

Ewen's Weekly chronicles a new printing of the 1d from plate 2 in a new shade.

Adhesive.

1d dull red.

HAYTI.—Mr. Robert A. Wilson sends us a new provisional from this country. It consists of the 15c de p of 1906 surcharged in red, by rubber hand-stamp, "2 cts. GOURDE" in two lines within a rectangular frame. Mr. Wilson says 220,000 were surcharged, according to information from an official. He also looked over 15,000 and found two double surcharges only, and remarks "They are more careful now than they used to be."

Provisional Adhesive.

2c de g on 15c de p gray-olive.

MACAO.—(1384)—Mr. Siddall writes further, under date of May 29th, regarding the announcement which came from Portugal to the effect that Macao had been purchased by Japan. The newspapers of Macao and other Chinese ports have not contained any mention of such a sale, and natives of the port know nothing about such an event taking place. It is probable that the subject was diplomatically discussed, and that it was suggested in Portugal that the colony could be sold to Japan as an ally, the Portuguese diplomats knowing that Japan would like to acquire as much of China as possible, and that rumors of this were incorrectly construed as meaning the sale had taken place. Or the dispatch announcing the sale was incorrectly translated, it having been, probably, a statement that negotiations or talk were taking place leading to the sale.

MONTENEGRO.—(1362)—We reprint the following from *The Albemarle* referred to a set of Red Cross stamps *Stamp Collector*: "Some time ago we issued by the Montenegrin" (Government) "at Bordeaux, France, consisting of 10, 15, 25 and 50 per (sic) values plus the Red Cross value. Even the French papers now warn against these labels. According to *La Philatelic Tous* (sic) the Bureau of the Postal Union at Bern has refused to recognize these stamps and they are the production of speculators covering themselves with the mantle of the Red Cross."

NIGERIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new printing of the 1d from plate 3, in a new color.

Adhesive.

1d scarlet.

PANAMA.—We reprint Mr. Frank E. Greene's article in *The Stamp Trade* of June 30th:

"Another report of a 'find' in Panama, has reached me. This time it is a sheet of the 10c Panama of the Hamilton Bank Note Co. issue of 1906, with inverted center. I can confirm the report to the extent of six copies and have no doubt that the balance of the sheet actually exists.

"At the time that the Retardo, A. R., and Registered surcharged stamps came out, there seemed to be very few errors, but it now appears that there is a fairly good crop. I have seen the following, which are in addition to those already reported:

"RETARDO:

"Surcharge shifted downwards so that the stamps appear to be surcharged:

UN CENTESIMO
RETARDO

"The stamps in the top row have only the words 'UN CENTESIMO' and the bottom row has only the word 'RETARDO' but I have not seen the stamps from these two rows.

"Surcharge shifted downwards so that pairs exist, one with and one without surcharge—the top row escaped the surcharge entirely.

"The words 'UN CENTESIMO' inverted.

"Inverted 'M' in 'CENTESIMO'—this has been reported previously but on second-hand evidence.

"A. R.:

"Surcharge shifted to right so that stamps appear to be surcharged 'R. A.' widely spaced. The first vertical row bears only the letter 'A', as does the last vertical row." (This explanation does not appear to be properly set forth. We would like to have Mr. Greene describe it more thoroughly.—Editor.) "I have seen a pair from the last two vertical rows—the 'R' appears on the margin.

"Inverted 'V' for 'A'.

"Surcharge reading: 'A..R'—two periods after 'A' and none after 'R'.

"Surcharge shifted downwards so that pairs exist, one with and one without surcharge.

"Surcharge with letters transposed—'R.A.'

"In addition to these, it is said that both the Retardo and the A. R. exist inverted, but so far, I have seen no evidence to support this rumor.

"I doubt that all of these errors are the result of accident, but at the present time, I am unable to make a positive statement.

"Panama may fall in line with a letter tax." States Mr. Greene.

The following is an interesting bit of news from the same contemporary and from the same writer:

"Effective June 1, 1917, customs on parcel post packages received on the Isthmus, will be paid in stamps of a special kind that will be used only for customs.

"The denominations and colors are as follows:

1 centesimo, gray; 2c, ultramarine; 5c, brown; 10c, lilac; 25c, light green; 50c, claret; 1 balboa, orange-yellow; 2b, carmine; 5b, dark yellow, and 10b, dark blue.

"The stamps are square, and are bisected diagonally into what are known as 'First Parts' and 'Second Parts'. What the designs are, I am unable to state at this time, as I have not seen any of them. The sizes are also unknown to me.

"Parcels coming to the Isthmus are supposed to have customs declarations in triplicate. The clerk in charge of the parcel post section is to attach the 'First Parts' to the duplicates of the declarations and the 'Second Parts' to the triplicates of the declarations. The duplicates are retained by the clerk to account for the stock of stamps charged to him and eventually go to the Auditor General of the Treasury Department of Panama. The triplicates are given to the consignees as receipts for customs paid. It would therefore appear that if we are to collect these stamps at all, we will have to be satisfied with 'Second Parts'. To strengthen this statement, it may be necessary to say that a fine ranging from 2½ to 100 balboas is the penalty for any person having in his or her possession uncancelled stamps. The wording of this section of the decree is not very clear and might mean cancelled stamps also, if whole.

"All stamps (halves) must be cancelled with a stamp of the parcel post section, which must contain the date of cancellation.

"The object of this method of handling customs is to save the public a trip from the post office to the customs house. These stamps are to be used only in the post offices of Panama. Packages coming to Canal Zone offices, that is, those subject to customs charges, will be held as usual until a receipt is presented, showing that the charges have been paid to the Panama Government. However, the charges may be paid at the post office instead of at the Customs Office.

"An official of the Republic of Panama, in a recent letter, advised me that these stamps would not have any philatelic value. Nevertheless, I want a set."

RUSSIA.—(1383)—*Stamp Collecting* reports on the authority of the Lindum Stamp Co. the appearance of the 3k in imperf. form.

Adhesive. (Imperf.)

3k carmine.

(*Offices in China*)—(1380)—Mr. Theodore Siddall writes that the Russian Post Office in Shanghai have the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 14, 20, 25, 35 and 50c, and have had the $3.50 and $5, but the rest of the series has not yet appeared. This refers to the new "CENTS" and "DOLLARS" surcharge issue. Mr. Siddall states that the 7c may not be surcharged "but the 14c has had the surcharge and so why not the 7 cent?"

SOMALILAND.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the ½d in a new dull green shade on thin paper with shiny yellow gum and transparent watermark.

Adhesive.

½d dull green.

SWITZERLAND.—It appears that we have not made mention in our Chronicle that Switzerland has been preparing stamps to commemorate the event when peace is restored to Europe, although we have understood that these stamps were being prepared some time ago. A competition for selective designs has been carried out by the Swiss government. Mr. Otto Frank now informs us that the stamps are being prepared, to consist of two values, 5c and 10c, twice as large as the regular postage stamps, and that they are to be placed in use as soon as the War ends. Mr. Frank also states that M. Otto Baumberger of Zurich won the first prize with his design presenting "Europa."

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—(1379)—*Ewen's Weekly* states that 210,000 of the dull scarlet and 30,000 of the deep red locally overprinted first issue of War Tax stamps were overprinted.

Guatemala, 1911, 5 pesos, 30c. Bert DeGrush, 49 Withington St., Dorchester, Mass.

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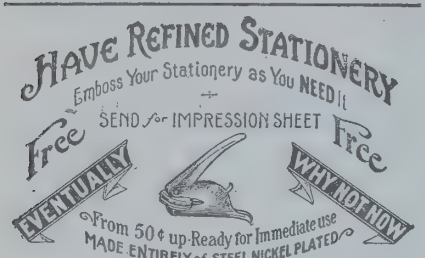
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SUMMARY OF B. W. I. WAR ISSUES.

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ANTIGUA.

London overprint, WAR STAMP, one line.
½d blue green, medium paper, plate 1, September, 1916.
½d blue green, heavy paper, plate 1, December, 1916.

BAHAMAS.

Local overprint, SPECIAL DELIVERY, two lines.
5d orange and black, Crown CC paper, December, 1915.
a. Double overprint.

London overprint, Geneva Cross and "1.1.17." in red.
1d pale red and black, Mult. Crown CA paper, May, 1917.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

London overprint, moire, in violet.
1c green, December, 1915.
2c rose, November, 1915.
5c blue, July, 1915.

As above, with local overprint WAR, in black.
1c green, August, 1916.

Local overprint, WAR, in black, no moire.
1c green, March, 1917.

Combined letter rate and tax—no overprint.
3c orange, plate 2, April 16, 1917.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.

Kingston, Jamaica, overprint WAR—STAMP.—1½d, three lines.
1½d on 2½d blue, pl. 5, 6-pt. Roman, Feb. 26, 1917.
1½d on 2½d blue, pl. 5, 8-pt. Roman, Feb. 26, 1917.
a. No fraction bar.
b. "1" with straight top.

DOMINICA.

London overprint, WAR TAX — ONE HALFPENNY, two lines, in red.
½d deep green, thin paper, pl. 1, Sep. 1, 1916.
a. Small "O" in "ONE."

GRENADA.

Local overprint, WAR TAX, letters 2¼ mm., one line.
1d rose, plate 1, June 1, 1916.
a. "A" 2 mm.
b. "A" 1½ mm.
c. T and AX spaced.
1d red, plate 1, June 1, 1916.
Varieties a, b and c, above.

London overprint, WAR TAX, one line.
1d deep red, plate 1, September, 1916.

JAMAICA.

Local overprint, WAR STAMP., 6-pt. Roman, one line.
½d yellow green, plate 1, April 1, 1916.
a. No period.
b. W and AR spaced.
3d violet on yellow surfaced paper, plate 1, April 1, 1916.
½d blue green, July, 1916.
3d violet on lemon yellow, July, 1916.
a. No period.
3d violet on golden yellow, Sept., 1916.
a. No period.

Combined letter rate and tax—no overprint.
1½d orange, plate 1, July 13, 1916.

Local overprint, WAR STAMP, 6-pt. Roman, two lines.
1½d orange, Sept. 1, 1916.
a. No period.
b. S and TAMP spaced.
c. "A" dropped.
d. "TAMP" instead of "STAMP."
e. Inverted watermark.
½d blue green, October, 1916.
Varieties a. b, c, above.
3d violet on lemon yellow, October, 1916.
Varieties a. b, c, above.
3d violet on golden yellow, Nov., 1916.
Varieties b, c, d, above.

Local overprint, WAR STAMP., 8-pt. Roman, two lines.
½d blue green, April, 1917.
a. No period.
b. AR and AMP from 6-point font.
1½d orange, March, 1917.
Varieties a and b above.
3d violet on golden yellow, March, 1917.
Varieties a and b above.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.

London overprint, WAR TAX, one line.
½d blue green, thin paper, October, 1916.
½d blue green, medium paper.

ST. LUCIA.

Local overprint, WAR TAX, two lines.
1d scarlet, plate 3, June 1, 1916.
1d carmine, plate 1, June 1, 1916.

London overprint, WAR TAX, one line.
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ST. VINCENT.

Local overprint, ONE PENNY., two lines in red.
1d on 1s black on green, January, 1915.
a. Double surcharge.
b. Pair, one without surcharge.
c. "ONE" missing.

Local overprint, WAR STAMP., two lines, spaced 2 mm.
1d carmine, June 1, 1916.
a. Comma instead of period after STAMP.
b. Double overprint.

London overprint, WAR STAMP, one line.
1d deep red, August, 1916.
1d scarlet, December, 1916.

Local overprint, WAR STAMP., two lines spaced 3 mm.
1d deep scarlet, May, 1917.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.

½d red, Red Cross Society label (postmarked only 3 p. m. Sept. 18, 1914.)

Local overprint, Geneva Cross and "21.10.15.", red and black.
1d red, October 21, 1915.

As above, with date "19.10.16."
1d scarlet, October 19, 1916.
a. No period after date.

Local overprint, WAR TAX, one line, in black.
1d scarlet on thin paper, Apr. 2, 1917.
1d dull red on heavy paper, Apr. 2, 1917.

Local overprint, WAR TAX, two lines, in black.
1d green, May 7, 1917.
1d dull red on heavy paper, May 7, 1917.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.

Local overprint, WAR TAX, one line.
1d red, Jan. 2, 1917
a. Double overprint.
3d violet on yellow, Jan. 2, 1917.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.

London overprint, WAR STAMP, one line.
1d carmine, plate 1, November, 1916.
1d scarlet, plate 5.
3d violet on lemon yellow, plate 1.
3d violet on lemon yellow, plate 5.
3d violet on golden yellow, pl. 5, Feb., '17.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Collectors in Bronx, N. Y. City, organized June 26 the Bronx Philatelic Society, which will be one of the largest stamp societies in New York City. Jerome J. Prinitz was elected Pres., Benjamin Semmel, Sect., 827 Union Ave., N. Y. C. Vice Pres. Goetz of the N. P. S. made a short address. Messrs. Straub, Fleischmann and Weiss were also present. Application for a branch charter in the N. P. S. was made. This season the N. P. S. organized eight branches.

—*Philatelic Gossip* is another candidate for the official journalship of the S. P. A. This makes four entrants upon the list. Some rivalry and some excitement surely.

—R. Hartman, Paterson, N. J., takes to task the dealer who puts his advertisement on the back of the stamps he wants to sell. Mr. Hartman says he is willing to stand the advs. on the back of the New Zealand stamps, but that is the limit.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Roscoe B. Martin, A. Atlas Leve, J. M. Bartels, G. F. Dove and J. R. Nichols.

—According to Theodore Siddall the 10 sen of the last Japan commemorative set is commanding a very high price in eastern countries. He writes that the stamp is difficult to locate.

—If George W. Hartwell (no address given) will advise G. G. Hiatt, 25 W. 125 St., N. Y. City, where he is located, Mr. Hiatt will be glad to answer his letter of June 25.

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CHAPTER XV.

The King Frederick Issue.

King Christian IX died on January 29th, 1906, and was succeeded by his son, King Frederick VIII. Though stamps bearing the new sovereign's portrait began to appear in the mother country in 1907, it was not until August 1st, 1908, that the first of the new stamps for the Danish West Indies were issued. The design is the same for all denominations and shows in the centre a portrait of King Frederick, with head turned slightly to the right, like that on the contemporary stamps of Denmark. The portrait is contained within a circle formed of a wreath of oak, which is interrupted by a Royal Crown at the top. Curved across the top of the design are the words "DANSK—VESTINDIEN" while in the centre, at the base, is "BIT" with colored numerals of value at each side. In the upper angles are posthorns. The first values to appear were the 5, 10, 20 and 25 bit, while in November, 1908, the series was completed by the issue of 15, 30, 40 and 50 bit values.

The frame was designed by Mr. Gerhard Heitmann, while the portrait was taken from a photograph of the Danish stamps. The dies were engraved at the Imperial Printing Works in Berlin, and the stamps printed in Copenhagen, the portrait from a line-engraved plate common to all values, and the frames by means of surface-printing. The watermark and perforation are like those of the preceding issues.

CHAPTER XVI.

The King Christian X Issue.

On the death of his father, King Frederick VIII, King Christian X ascended the throne of Denmark in 1912, but no change was made in the stamps of the Danish West Indies until 1915, although the mother country had issued stamps bearing the new ruler's portrait as early as 1913. With the exception of the central portrait the new stamps are similar to those of the 1908 series. The portrait of King Christian is shown in profile looking to the right. In 1913 the Crown which had served as the watermarked device for all the stamps of Denmark, Danish West Indies and Iceland issued prior to that date was superseded in favor of a design of multiple crosses, and the new series for the Indies were printed on this new paper. The perforation gauges 13½x14½.

CHAPTER XVII.

The Postage Due Stamps.

Although the Danish West Indies managed to get along very nicely without official stamps—though both Denmark and Iceland made use of these special labels—it issued a series of postage due stamps in 1902. These are not very artistic productions, the central device showing "C 9 R" (Christian IX Rex) surmounted by a crown on a rayed ground within a circular band inscribed "DANSK VESTINDIEN" above, and "PORTOMAERKE" below. At the base the value is shown in large numerals at each side with the word "CENT" or "CENTS" between. In the upper spandrels are conventional ornaments and the design is completed by a single-line rectangular frame.



The die was engraved by Mr. Ch. Danielsen, after a design submitted by Mr. Fitrup, and the stamps were produced by lithography, in sheets of one hundred, at Copenhagen. The stamps were printed on unwatermarked paper and the perforation, gauging 11½, is quite different from that used for any of the regular postage stamps. As is so often the case when lithography is the medium used in producing stamps the stones were not made up of transfers from single stamps but in strips of five.

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The 1 Cent.

Type I.—Between the upper and lower inscriptions on the circular band a small smudge appears on the right-hand side instead of the usual dot.

Type II.—A very minute dot of color is shown below the right-hand vertical stroke of the "N" of "CENT". This dot also shows on types I, III and IV but the type now under consideration does not show the peculiarities recorded for the others.

Type III.—In the outer line of the double-line circular band there is a small defect mid-way between the left-hand numeral "1" and the "C" of "CENT".

Type IV.—The dot between the two inscriptions on the circular band at left has a defect which makes it appear as a small circle.

Type V.—This type, which may be considered the normal, has no particular defects and may thus be distinguished by its lack of them.



The 4 Cents.

Type I.—The top of the left-hand figure "4" slopes downwards from left to right, and the top of the right-hand numeral slopes from right to left.

Type II.—The tops of both numerals "4" slope downwards from left to right.

Type III.—The numerals are similar to those of type II but the first "E" of "PORTOMAERKE" is broken at the foot and looks like an "F".

Type IV.—The top of each of the numerals slopes downwards from right to left, and the upper downstroke of the right-hand "4" is thin.

Type V.—Is very similar to type IV but the downstroke of the right-hand "4" is much thicker.

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Type I.—This stamp has no defects and may be considered as the normal type.

Type II.—In addition to the usual circular dot there is a tiny spot of color in front of the "P" of "PORTO".

Type III.—On the inner of the two circles surrounding the inscribed band two small colored dots are shown between the letters "RT" of "PORTO".

Type IV.—This is similar to type III but in addition to the two dots mentioned another appears, also on the inner circle, just after the last "N" of "VESTINDIEN".

Type V.—There is a small break on the inner of the two circles around the inscribed band just under the "AE" of "PORTOMAERKE".

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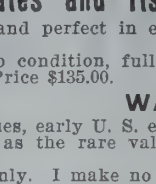
Type II.—On the outer frameline at the right a small defect is shown opposite the "0" of "10".

Type III.—There is a small colored dot above the "0" of the right-hand figures "10".

Type IV.—The inner of the two circles surrounding the inscribed band is slightly defective between the letters "RT" of "PORTO".

Type V.—The solid colored triangle above the numerals at right has a small projecting dash of color at its base.

In 1905, when the currency was changed, new postage due stamps with values expressed in Bit made their appearance. The design shows large numerals of value in the centre on a rectangle of solid color for the 20, 30 and 50 bit denominations, while on the 5 bit the numeral is on a circle with solid color tablets at each side. At the top is "DANSK VESTINDIEN" in two lines, and at the base is "EFTERPORTO" with the value underneath.



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FRANCE, 1872 5-CENTIME.

NOTES BY PERCY McG. MANN.

Many collectors are quite familiar with the varying sizes of the 1883-84 issues of Norway, on account of the foot note given them in Scott's catalogue. Gibbons' catalogue delves deeper into the matter, and lists the series under two sizes. Neither catalogue is, however, entirely correct, because there were many plates used for the printings of all the stamps of these issues, and the sizes even differ on the same plates as well as in the case of different plates. The collector must therefore use his own millimetre scale in an effort to get at the true size of each of the varieties, to form sets for the collection. The student who does this is often rewarded by being able to add a new variety to his collection.

This introduction has been penned to draw attention to a similar condition existing in the 1872-75 issues of France. There are elaborate and very complete works on French stamps and these enter into the subject of varieties to a considerable extent, but none of them, nor any of the catalogues, mentions differing sizes of the 5-centime (large numerals) green stamp. Thus, we once again are aware of the fact that there is "always something new" to be discovered amongst the commoner stamps. The specialist in rare stamps knows pretty nearly every detail about them, and every point of interest is fairly set forth in handbooks and philatelic journals, but the common stamps are still an undeveloped field and the study of them will give the moderate-pursed collector as much pleasure as the wealthy specialist, and many times the research proves to be profitable,—but these notes were not to be a lecture.

The height of the normal stamp, Scott's No. 57, is 22 mm. Of this there are many shades, including green, light yellow-green, dark green and yellow green, all on greenish tinted paper, with the green and light yellow-green also on a bluish tinted paper. In the French official catalogue a variety is listed of the green with a horizontally lined background. (This occurs in most of the early French stamps.) My own collection contains this latter variety in green, yellow-green and dark green. In the French Colonies, of the same catalogue, the 5-centime also occurs with *vertically* lined background, which is considered quite rare. It would be a good item to look for among French stamps, the only difference between the two issues being that one is perforated while the other is imperforate. It probably exists.

I now come to the "size variety" and would say that I have the 5-centime in a *smaller* type which measures only 21½ mm. in height. It is *green* and has the horizontally lined background. The difference in size seems slight indeed—only a half millimetre—when measured by the scale, but when the two varieties are placed side by side the sizes appear very distinct and noticeable. In all other particulars the designs appear to be identical.

RED CROSS WAR STAMPS PROPOSED.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Issuance of a special Red Cross stamp and 1-cent postage for letters relating exclusively to Red Cross business when mailed by chapters or auxiliaries at post offices of the United States or its territories, is proposed in a bill introduced by Chairman Moon of the house post office committee. The Red Cross has asked that its mail be franked.

TO THE "PENNY BLACK"—MAY 6, 1911

By C. A. HOWES.

All hail to thee, thou herald of a dawn
Of more than peace—of civilizing pow'r
That broke the bonds which for so long restrained
Communication's spread: bearer of light,
Though dressed in sombre hue; progenitor,
With thy companion garbed in blue, of them
That troop in thousands since thy day.

A piece of paper—graven steel—some ink,
And lo! the "Penny Label" had its birth!
A little thing, yet with what latent pow'r
To carry good or ill, o'er sea and land,
To forge the bonds of friendship or of trade,
To scatter broadcast news and knowledge deep.
What mission that, concealed in form so small!

Three score and ten, the years allotted man,
Have seen the progress that thy advent wrought;
While out from Britain's bounds, where first thou dwelt,
Has gone the Penny Postage, born with thee,
Until the confines of the Realm are reached:
Nor will it stop until all nations come
Within the influence of thy tiny sun!

—"Stamp Lover."

By W. E. IMESON.

O Penny Black! O Penny Black!
You lead the van today;
In "Part I" e'er assigned first place
In Britain's proud display.
You've passed now life's allotted span,
"The vet'ran" you we call,
And write you down in black and white
The Black Prince of them all.

The "hungry forties" knew not those
That hungered after thee,
Hence, even used, you're prized today,
And worshipped—with o. g.
Had we—that is, our sires foreseen
Your rapid rising feats
A bed of roses ours would be—
Had we a few Black "sheets".

O Penny Black! Dear Penny Black!
Once worth the humble "brown",
In mint condition—with full gum
(Oh! hold me up—or down!)
A time there was—a time that now
Can ne'er return, alack!
When one could, for a penny bronze,
Secure a Penny Black.

Tho' once cut out by careless hand,
No stamp shall "cut you out;"
To reconstruct your sable "panes"
Requires great pains, no doubt.
"Plate numbers" we desert and place
Red Penny on the shelf,
That we today may dedicate
A number to yourself.

In this, our "special number" you
"Stamp Lover's" page will grace,
We know well that your record's clean—
However black your face.
And what if your face value's small?
The call for you is great,
So we present each reader with
A specimen—portrait.

—"Stamp Lover."

In eighteen-forty, be it said,
The first adhesive stamps were made,
To stick on letters that were paid,
To make all sure
That they would safely be convey'd
To port secure.

The stamps were black, engraved so nice:
"One Penny" on each told their price,
And water-mark'd with crown device,
And small of size,
The whole thing look'd a sacrifice
Of nation wise.

They bore the head of our late Queen,
As she in youthful days was seen,
In profile figure most serene,
To lead the way,
And show the world we had foreseen
The lack of day.

That day the dawn of greater sight
Revealed a portion of our might,
And link'd it in with black and white,
The world to run,
To carry tidings of delight,
Or grief begun.

Then other nations soon began
To take a pattern from our plan,
To send them forward in the van
With us apace,
To get the clearer visions scan,
Or better grace.

So Penny Black was pioneer,
Did organise and engineer
Until she made the whole thing clear,
With gain's salute,
That others safely could appear
Along the route.

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	1904, 1sh green & black	....	.35
Sierra Leone	1907, 4p red & black	.35	
	1907, 6p violet	.....	.37
So. Nigeria	1904, 1sh green & black	.22	
	1907, 1sh green	.....	.27
India	1913, 10r red & green	.....	1.75
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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Maitland Milliken, Malcolm H. Ganser, George Howland, W. R. Adams, Mrs. L. W. Kellogg and Kenneth Tallmadge.

—*Charles Brisley.*—Without doubt some dealer will soon be advertising the new Belgian charity labels noted in our issue of July 7. An English dealer could no doubt accommodate you.

—M. Ohlman would like to know the address of Dr. A. J. McNamara, formerly Munson, Mass. Mr. Ohlman claims that he can get no reply to letters sent him.

—C. Seidenberg of Beecher, Ill., deposited check received from A. P. Myers, El Paso, Tex., only to have the check returned from the bank marked "No funds." Moreover, Mr. Seidenberg advises us that Myers pays no attention to communications sent him. This is for the good of the trade.

—A stamp department in the Buffalo (N. Y.) *Express* shows more than ordinary ability in the manner in which it is being conducted. "For the Stamp Fiends" is its title, and about two columns of space are used in the issue of Sunday, July 8. R. B. Martin, Silver Creek, N. Y., favors us with a clipping.

—H. A. Herzog of Austin, Texas, has taken charge of Wm. E. Dowser's approval department business. Mr. Dowser assures us and the trade that all business addressed him will receive prompt attention.

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MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS
Portland, Me. Beverly, Mass.

EDITORIAL.

Different—The twelve cent of the current issue, perforated 11, is shown in a shade of dark claret that is unlike the regulation colors in which the stamp has been coming. Even the collector who yawns when shades are being enthusiastically discussed will sit up and take notice of this one.

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Random—The subject of the error is irrepressible and it is likely that for many a day to come it will enjoy its place in the sun. Those whose search for the errors has proved bootless may console themselves with the thought that Philately has been benefited "to the extent of many thousands of dollars," as a cheerful philosopher puts it. While we do not believe in squaring everything in philately with the dollar, it must be admitted that the contention of our correspondent is about right, as the error is making an active season of what otherwise might have been a comparatively dull period. Mr. Lowell J. Ragatz in sending us plate numbers from "error sheets that weren't," says: "Can you picture to yourself the wild joy with which a collector discovers fourteen sheets bearing the magic number 7942 for which he has been looking for days? And can you then picture to yourself the gloom which follows when it is found that all of the sheets are lower left and upper right panes?" He adds, somewhat significantly, "Too bad, isn't it, that so many postmasters who let post office circulars lie about the office unread at other times are now so eager to weed out these 'misprinted two cent stamps'?" To progress somewhat, along this line, it is interesting to observe the attitude of the postal inspectors towards the error; it is one of tolerance and beyond emphasizing the fact that postmasters should return the misprints in accordance with departmental instructions, no coercive measures are employed. This spirit of fairness is appreciated by collectors whose enterprise seems in no danger of being penalized by the department in consequence of a mistake for which it alone is responsible.

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War—The *Australian Journal of Philately* in commenting upon the entrance of the United States into the war takes occasion to remark: "Possibly in due course an album will be issued specially for the reception of the stamps of those countries which have participated in the war, and we have no hesitation in saying that no country will be welcomed into the fold more enthusiastically than that of the United States."

Belated—Over a month ago, Mr. Elliott Perry, Westfield, New Jersey, addressed us in this interesting manner: "Referring to the article by L. C. Hassler on hard and soft papers used by the Continental Bank Note Company and the American Bank Note Company, respectively, for the U. S. postage stamps about 1879, I should like to ask Mr. Hassler if his seven cent Stanton on soft porous paper is not No. 196 of the catalogue, the special printing of 1880? This printing was made by the American Bank Note Company on soft, porous paper and several Continental plates were used, including 7, 12 and 24 cent. These three denominations and the 2 cent brown had been obsolete for several years and are more properly re-issues than special printings. They and the rest of the set are still available for postage but they were not sold over the counter at post offices and they were not issued for postal purposes. The set was made for sale to stamp collectors and like the Centennial exhibition re-issues and special printings of 1875 they are less entitled to standing in a collection of postage stamps—meaning stamps issued to meet postal requirements—than many of the Seebeck issues of Central American republics, etc. If they were as common as the Seebecks, they might command as little respect. The rarity of the U. S. special printings and re-issues has brought them an amount of attention all out of proportion to their philatelic significance. In my humble opinion, an ordinary 7 cent National or Continental used on a cover to a foreign country in payment of the required rate of 7 cents is of far greater interest than a seven cent stamp printed just to sell to stamp collectors years after the seven cent rate had been abolished." We shall reserve our comment on Mr. Perry's letter for the next paragraph.

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Special—The seven cent stamp in question on soft paper was in used condition and was not a special printing variety. We remember the advent of the special printings in the catalogue. Re-issues of the 2 cent black brown, 7, 12 and 24 cent on soft porous paper were listed in the 1897 catalogue at fifty dollars each; and some years later, all the special printings were offered in a Wolsieffer auction sale. Our dates may not be more than approximately correct. The existence of the special printings was known to a few students before this time but there was no general knowledge of the stamps. In the auction sale mentioned, the Continental and the American special printings brought very high prices because of the determination of that ardent collector at the time to acquire them, Dr. S. G. Stein, of Muscatine, Iowa. The sets in question came from the effects of a postal officer, deceased, and were in perfect shape, the stamps having lain in their coverings almost from the day of their origin. The special printings were the subject of no little curiosity at the time and those who examined the stamps were impressed by the texture of the paper, which was very soft and "wispy" in the instance of the American prints. Of course, a seven cent special printing would be valid for postage at the present time, but we are of the opinion that there is not a single used copy of a special printing seven cent extant. The collector who thinks that he can find special printings among his used stamps is deluding himself. We have the circulars issued by the post office department offering these stamps to the public but we cannot place our hands on them just now.

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Credit—We have had a remarkable tribute from an officer of the government in regard to the compilation, "Our Postmasters General," by R. McP. Cabeen, which was published in the issues of June 23rd and June 30th, respectively. Our correspondent avers that the list is far from being the usual perfunctory compilation of postmasters general but is even more complete than that published by the post office department. It is pointed out that the *ad interim* incumbents in each case were the first assistant postmasters general, who are deputized to fill automatically the vacancy in the chief office. While the dates in Mr. Cabeen's list do not always coincide with those of the department compilation, the differences are slight and immaterial. The addition of the three officers under the Continental Congress from 1775 to Washington's administration is made: Benjamin Franklin, July 26, 1775; Richard Bache, Pa., Nov. 7, 1776, and Ebenezer Hazard, N. Y., January 28, 1782 (to Sept. 26, 1789).

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By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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BRUCK, PIERRE.—A Luxemburg printer who, in 1873, petitioned the Government to allow him to print the stamps in preference to their being printed at Frankfort. His request was acceded to in October, 1874, and from that date until 1880 he printed all the Luxemburg stamps. In the latter year it was decided the printing was not quite satisfactory and the contract was transferred to Messrs. Enschede & Sons, Haarlem, who also manufactured the stamps for the Dutch government.

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II. Some years ago a set of stamps purporting to be a genuine issue for the state of Brunei made their appearance but the history attaching to these labels is so unsatisfactory that they are now generally believed to be a bogus emission. The central portion of the design shows a small vessel on a large expanse of water with a mountain in the background. On each side are palm trees and at the top a five-rayed star is shown.

BRUNSWICK.—A sovereign duchy situated in the northern portion of the German Empire, which has an area of 1,418 square miles and a population of nearly 500,000. It is surrounded by Hanover, Saxony, and Westphalia. Originally Brunswick formed part of the duchy of Saxony, but in 1235 the independent duchy of Brunswick was created. Subsequently, along with Hanover, Luneburg, Celle, and other territories, it was transferred and reconveyed several times, as the various Brunswick dynasties were founded and died out. The direct Welf (Guelph) line became extinct in 1884 and since 1885 the duchy has been governed by a regent. Postage stamps were first issued in 1852, but the duchy ceased to issue stamps of its own on joining the North German Confederation on January 1st, 1868.

BRYAN, DANIEL.—Postmaster of Alexandria, Va., from 1845 to 1847, who issued the famous 5c "Postmaster's" stamp in 1846, prior to the appearance of the regular government emission.

BS. AS.—A contraction for Buenos Aires found upon the so-called "Gaucho" stamps of 1857 which were prepared for use but never issued.

B. T.—(and Crown).—(See Crown and B. T.)

BUCHANAN.—I. One of the towns in the Republic of Liberia at which special 10c registration stamps inscribed with the name of the town are used. These were first issued in 1893.

II. Mr. James M. Buchanan, the then Postmaster of Baltimore, Md., issued a number of 5c and 10c stamps and envelopes in 1845-6 to facilitate the prepayment of postage prior to the appearance of the regular government issue for the United States. These stamps and envelopes all bear a facsimile of his signature.

BUENOS AIRES.—The largest and most important province of the Argentine Republic having an area of 117,777 square miles and a population of about two millions. The name means literally "good air." The province of Buenos Aires was separated from the Argentine Republic in 1853 and on the 29th April, 1858 (two days before the issue for the Argentine Republic itself appeared) it issued postage stamps. The peace of San-Jose de Flores concluded on June 10th, 1859, was followed by the reunion of Buenos Aires with the Republic on January 26th, 1860, but it retained the use of its special stamps until January, 1864.

BUFFALO EXHIBITION STAMPS.—A special set of stamps issued at Buffalo, U. S. A., in 1901, to commemorate the Pan-American Exposition held at the city in that year.

BUITEN BEZIT.—The last word is a contraction for "Bezittingen" and the whole means literally "outlying possessions." These words were overprinted on the then current stamps of the Dutch Indies in 1908, and they were issued for use in all the islands with the exception of Java and Madura which had a separate series. The object of the overprint was to ascertain the volume of correspondence within the group with the object of reducing the postal rates and these overprinted stamps were only in use for a few months, from June, 1908.

BULEAGA O TOGA.—(Government of Tonga.) An inscription shown on all the stamps of Tonga issued since 1892.

BULGARIA.—An independent European state formerly a principality under the suzerainty of the Sultan of Turkey. It is bounded on the north by Roumania, on the south by Turkey, on the west by Servia, and on the east by the Black Sea. The country is divided into two main divisions—North Bulgaria with an area of 24,237 square miles, and South Bulgaria (formerly known as Eastern Roumelia), with an area of 12,706 square miles. The population numbers over four millions, of which about three-quarters are Bulgarians proper. In 1393 Bulgaria came under the Turkish yoke and from that time until the 19th century it was almost forgotten as a nation. In 1876, the inhabitants rose in revolt against Turkey but were speedily crushed. Soon afterwards, however, the Turkish population committed such excesses against the Christian inhabitants that the whole of Europe was horror-stricken. The interference of the Powers led to the Russo-Turkish war and at the Treaty of Berlin (July 13th, 1878) Bulgaria was created a principality under the suzerainty of Turkey. Its first Prince was Alexander of Battenburg, who was forced to abdicate in September, 1886. The Sobranye, or National Assembly, then elected Prince Ferdinand of Saxe-Coburg as its ruler and from that time the country made rapid progress. Taking advantage of the troublous times in Turkey in 1908, Bulgaria asserted its independence and Ferdinand assumed the title of "Czar." The first Bulgarian postage stamps were issued on May 1st, 1879.

BULUWAYO PROVISIONALS.—The name by which the stamps provisionally issued in Buluwayo, Rhodesia, in 1896, during the Matebele rebellion are generally known. The name of the town means "the place of killing" and it was formerly the kraal of the Matebele king, Lobengula.

BUNDI.—One of the feudatory states in the Rajputana district of India. It has an area of 2,220 square miles and a population of about 180,000. Postage stamps for use in this State were first issued in May, 1894, but since the latter part of 1902 these special issues have been dispensed with.

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No. 177* 10c+5c carmine	.15
Eritrea, No. 91* 10c+5c carmine & blk.	.06
Guadeloupe, No. 71* "05" on 4c claret	.02
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Jamaica* 1½d "War Stamp" 2 lines small type	.10
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Poland, *1916, 10g red and yellow	.20
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6g on 5g green and gray	.30
Small 2 on 10g red & greenish	.30
Portugal, No. 287* 1c carmine	.03
Russia No. 209*, 2k orange and gray	.04
No. 210a*, 4k carmine & green (No. 210 should be carmine & brown)	.20
Samoa No. 114*, ½d green and red	.04
No. 115*, 1d carmine and blue	.05
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UNITED STATES. — (1383) — The new rate for C. O. D. parcels insured over $50 up to $100 for a fee of 25 cents may mean a new 25 cent stamp will be issued to cover such a charge, or, as it will take more than one stamp anyway under existing conditions of a lack of proper denominations, for postage and insurance fee, we may see the issue of other new values.

(1383)—Mr. D. C. Alexander shows us the "Fifty-first Annual Encampment Grand Army of the Republic Boston, Mass. August 19-25, 1917" advertising cancellation. used from Boston July 6th.

ALBANIA.—(1383)—At the request of Henry J. Perry, M. D., we will endeavor to straighten out our chronicle of recent Albanian issues. In our chronicle of June 30th we referred to a surcharge chronicled in our issue of April 14th, and here we erred, because the chronicle of April 14th was erroneously set forth. Dr. Perry also called us to account for supposedly misspelling the name of the country "SHQIPERIE," as on all previously issued stamps bearing the name it appeared as "SHQIPENIES" or "SHQIPENIA" with an "N" instead of an "R." We quoted as authority *Champion's Bulletin*, wherein we saw an illustration of the design, as chronicled in our June 30th issue, and the word pictured therein is as given in our chronicle. This is now further substantiated by a sight of one of the stamps, which Dr. Perry kindly submits, and the question now arises, which spelling is correct? and have the printers of the stamps made an error? The inscription at the right should be one word, "VETQEVERITARE," and not divided as given in our June 30th chronicle. There is a peculiarity about this word (not alone its queer appearance) in the fact that the 5 cts. stamp illustrated in our French contemporary as well as the 25 cts. stamp before us, both show the next to the last letter a broken "B" instead of an "R." The stamps are typographed throughout, consisting of rules on the outside and inside with very thin rules between all, forming a frame surrounding a double headed eagle in the center, this being in a different color for each value, while the inscription is printed over the frame, for the three lowest values in green and the other values in black, as given in our previous chronicle. The copy shown us by Dr. Perry is on a cover addressed to Worcester, Mass., and it is cancelled "Korytsa, Albanie, 18 Mar 1917," and it was a description of this stamp which Dr. Perry sent for chronicle, and which was erroneously chronicled as a surcharge (the second stamp mentioned), in our chronicle of April 14th.

The following, taken from *Stamp Collecting*, may be of service to our readers, it being part of a proclamation establishing an Italian Protectorate over Albania:

"To all the People of Albania:—Today, June 3, 1917, the happy anniversary of the establishment of Italian constitutional liberties, we, Lieutenant-General Giacinto Ferrero, commanding the Italian Corps of Occupation in Albania, by order of the Government of King Victor Emmanuel III, solemnly proclaim the unity and independence of all Albania under the ægis and protection of the Kingdom of Italy."

AUSTRIA.—The *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* chronicles the 2 kronen, recently issued arms type, in a new shade of blue, light blue instead of dark indigo blue.

Adhesive.
2k light blue.

BAHAMAS.—A third issue of Special Delivery stamps has appeared and copies have been shown us by Messrs. Eugene Klein and J. A. Galbraith. Unlike the first and second issues, which to all appearances were the same, and which consisted of an overprint on stamps of a former regular issue, the new issue consists of an overprint on stamps with new characteristics. The overprint differs from the preceding issue of special delivery stamps and consists of the words "SPECIAL DELIVERY" in two lines of sans-serif 8-pt. gothic type, the two lines spaced about 2 mm. apart, with the word "SPECIAL" 12½ mm. long and the word "DELIVERY" 15 mm. long. An entirely new printing of 5d stamps has been utilized for the purpose: the color is light orange and gray-black, the paper is thick white with an opaque watermark of *Multiple* Crown and CA, the gum is smooth white, and the perforation is 14½ both ways (the old were perf. 14). The printing was from plate 2, and the stamps were issued on July 3, says Mr. Klein. New issue as described above.

Special Delivery.
5d light orange and gray-black.

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA. — (Previous chronicles have been under the headings "Ruanda", "East Africa.—Belgian Occupation", etc.)—As the Belgian Army of Occupation advanced into German East Africa it carried along with it a goodly supply of Belgian Congo stamps as well as, we suppose, an outfit for making rubber hand-stamps. Our Chronicle has contained mention of Belgian Congo stamps overprinted "Ruanda", which consisted of 5, 10, 15, 25, 40 and 50c, 1 and 5fr stamps thus overprinted. Then, in our issue of March 17th, we chronicled a 25c Belgian Congo stamp overprinted "UDJIDJI 4 Sept. 1916" in two lines in a rectangular frame and the whole of the Belgian Congo series overprinted "KIGOMA" in blue. The authority quoted in the chronicle referred to stated that some stamps were overprinted "TABORA". It is interesting to note that "Udjidji" and "Kigoma" are one and the same village. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste* and *Champion's Bulletin* list other overprints, the 10, 25 and 50c overprinted "Karema" in black, the 10, 25 and 50c overprinted "KIGOMA" in violet, and the 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c and 1fr overprinted "URUNDI" in violet, while the *Echo de la Timbrologie* chronicled a German East African stamp (3pf) with the overprint "Karema". One can see that the Belgian Congo stamps carried on the expedition into the late German East Africa were kept real busy. Our readers are requested to compile their own lists of these overprints from the above synopsis, leaving plenty of space for double; triple; inverted; inverted double; inverted triple; double, one inverted; and any other varieties which may (or may not) appear on the market.

BOSNIA.—According to the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* new "special" stamps of the values of 12h and 17h have been issued, and we surmise that these are War Charity stamps issued to conform with the new postage rates, 2h surcharge going to the benefit of widows and orphans caused by the war. Whether the 10h bistre and 15h carmine of the recently issued new series have been overprinted or new special stamps have been issued we do not know as yet.

DUTCH EAST INDIES.—The special article in the July 7th edition gave the parcel post rates from the Dutch East Indies to the United States as 175 cents for every parcel not exceeding one kilogram in weight and 225 cents for every parcel exceeding one kilogram and not exceeding five kilograms in weight. We believe these rates should have been set forth as 17½ cents and 22½ cents, respectively.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Stamp Collecting* publishes the following: "An 'Official' Error.—Here's a chance for the expert in 'official' stamps of our own country. We hear that a collector has discovered among a lot of 'officials', all postally used, a copy of the 1d red, King Edward issue, overprinted, near the bottom, 'OFFICIAL', there being no trace of any other portion of the surcharge, such as 'I. R.', 'O. W.', 'R. H.', 'Admiralty', or 'Army'. Now what is the missing word, or letters? 'Omitted' errors are discovered from time to time; has a new 'find' been unearthed?"

HAYTI.—(1358-59-60-62)—In our issue of February 3rd we note the chronicle of a 1c surcharged 7c, and judge that this was an erroneous description of a 1c on 7c. Going back to January 6th chronicle we also note an error there, so believe it consistent with our present endeavors to give an accurate chronicle to revise our chronicle with the following list; the number in parentheses after each stamp listed being the Scott catalogue number of the stamp with the surcharge of a large figure "1" in a frame as illustrated in the same catalogue under 1915, page 474:

Provisional Adhesives.
1 on 5c blue, red surch. (98).
1 on 10c orange-brown, blue surch. (99).
1 on 20c orange, blue surch. (100).
1 on 10c orange-brown, blue surch. (105).
1 on 20c orange, blue surch. (106).
1 on 7c de p gray, red surch. (130).

LIBERIA.—Mr. O. D. Challans writes: "Just received a letter from Monrovia, Liberia, and among other stamps it was franked with Scott's No. 115, but the surcharge was in dark green instead of in black. Don't know whether this is a new issue or one that was overlooked when No. 115 was issued."

Scott's catalogue is in error with the description of the overprint as being in black, the stamp in question has only been surcharged in dark green, to the best of our knowledge, and as stated in Gibbons and Yvert & Tellier catalogues.

POLAND. — (*German Occupation.*) — The *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* states on a German contemporary's authority that other values than those already known have been issued with the overprint "Gen. Gouv. Warschau" on German Empire stamps. The series so far issued is now as follows:

Adhesives.

2½pf gray.	15pf yellow-brown.
3pf brown.	20pf blue.
5pf green.	30pf or. & blk. on buff.
7½pf orange.	40pf carm. & black.
10pf carmine.	60pf red-lilac.

PORTO RICO.—Mr. C. M. Smith submits a block of four of Scott's No. 155, provisional issue of Porto Rico, between the vertical pairs of which there are blank spaces with the overprint the same as on the stamps, and he states that he has examined many philatelic magazines but has failed to find any notes about these varieties.

To the best of our knowledge these stamps were printed in sheets of two hundred divided into panes of 100 each by blank spaces the width of a vertical row of stamps. The overprint was applied by a hand-stamp, probably being done as the stamps were needed, and the operator of the hand-stamp had plenty of opportunities for creating whatever varieties he or she wished, as one can see he or she took advantage of when one considers the numerous varieties of this overprint, some of which are listed by the Standard catalogue, while others are unlisted. Of course, such varieties have a right to a place in a specialized collection, and they would undoubtedly be noted in a handbook on the subject, but a catalogue of the world's stamps cannot pretend to list every minor variety and does not, albeit it is also inconsistent in many things. The value of varieties of the kind would undoubtedly be based on whether the specialist would consider them substantial varieties or not. The specialist in the stamps of any one country, certainly tries to know all there is to know about that country's stamps.

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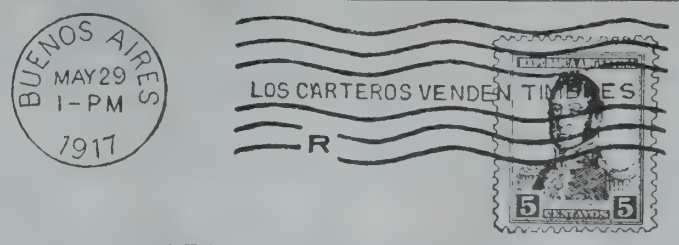
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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Stamp Collecting* chronicles Red Cross stamps for this British Colony. They are the 3c carmine and 4c dull purple of the current King George series overprinted "RED CROSS" in *sans serif* capitals at the top and "2c" at the bottom, in black.

Red Cross Stamps.

"RED CROSS" & "2c" on 3c carmine.
"RED CROSS" & "2c" on 4c dull purple.

of these stamps with the overprint the same as on the stamps. In this case the value is expressed, but the specimens were not recognized as being available for postal purposes. It is not catalogued but it is a variety which is incorporated in the specialist's collection.

The Porto Rico variety submitted by Mr. Smith may be an unchronicled variety, as far as the formality of chronicling is considered, but it is not unknown to stamp collectors.

SWEDEN.—The *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* is our authority for the following. Although we do not understand the Norwegian language we can surmise that this is what is meant in their chronicle: Mr. N. V. B. Holmberg has shown the publishers a copy of the 5 ore stamp perforated 13:13 instead of 13:13½, that is, the 5 ore stamp has been perforated with the machine used for that work on the 1, 2 and 4 ore stamps.

A change from 14 to 13 perf. was made in all Swedish stamps sometime between 1872 and 1878, and all stamps issued since then have, according to the Scott catalogue, been perforated 13. But, and here is where the catalogue errs, the stamps of type A14, with portrait of King Gustav, are perforated 13x13½, while those of type A13 alone are perforated 13 all around.

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THE STANDING JULY 14.

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Six months later the Commonwealth Postal Authorities took over the administration of the various Postal Departments of the States, and although each State was permitted to print its own stamps for a while, the cost of printing was borne by the Commonwealth Department, and the revenue from the sale of the stamps likewise accrued to the Department. Subsequently, the State stamps were printed on paper watermarked V and Crown, or Crown and A, to the order of the Commonwealth, and, later on, the V and Crown watermark was substituted by the Crown and A watermark throughout Australia, therefore emphasising the fact that although the stamps which were then put into use were of the various State designs, and bore the name of the different States, they were ipso facto Commonwealth stamps.

The first stamps which bore the word "Commonwealth" were the 9d, issued for use in N. S. W. and Queensland, each stamp bearing its own State name, together with the initial letters, etc., of the whole of the six States. Assuming that there are some philatelic objections to the stamps above referred to being included as Commonwealth issues, there certainly cannot be any to the inclusion of these 9d, and yet they were in use concurrently with the State stamps, and are relegated in the catalogues to the countries whose names they bear.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY

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BURGER, M.—A Swiss engraver, who engraved the dies for the 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 12c, and 15c stamps issued in Switzerland in 1882.

BURMAH.—An important adjunct of the British Indian empire bounded on the north by Assam and China, on the east by Chinese territory, Annam and Siam, on the South by Siam, and on the west by the Bay of Bengal. It has a total area of nearly 87,500 square miles, and a population well in excess of ten millions. Burmah has never issued postage stamps nor, prior to its annexation by the Indian government, did it have a postal system. We mention it here, however, owing to the fact that in 1886 a curious label made its appearance purporting to be a postage stamp of Burmah. Suspicion fell on it almost at once and in a short while it was proved to be nothing but an impression taken from one of the dies from which the coins were struck.

BURY'S CITY POST.—A local post of the United States established in the fifties (actual date uncertain) in connection with which a 1c stamp was issued.

BUSHIRE.—A seaport city of Persia on the east shore of the Persian Gulf. For a short time during 1915 it was occupied by a British force and during this occupation a number of the 1911-15 stamps of Persia were overprinted "BUSHIRE—UNDER BRITISH OCCUPATION" and used there.

BUSSAHIR.—A tributary hill State in the Punjab, India, having an area of 3,862 square miles and a population of about 90,000. Postage stamps were issued for the use of this State in January, 1896, but since the 31st March, 1901, they have been discontinued.

C.—I. An overprint found on certain South Australian stamps used between 1868 and 1874. These labels franked the official correspondence of the Customs department and they were superseded in 1874 by the general official issue overprinted with the letters "O. S."

II. An overprint found on some of the Ecuador stamps of the 1899-1901 series. It was at one time believed to be a control-mark, of a similar character to those described under "De," "Rios," "Resellada," etc., but specialists are now inclined to consider it a bogus mark or merely a cancellation.

C. A.—I. These letters appear on several of the stamps of Nicaragua, and signify "Central America," referring, of course, to the geographical position of the republic.

II. The letters "C A" form an overprint frequently found on the King Edward 1d stamps of Great Britain. Many collectors have been led to treat this as an official overprint of the same standing as the "I. R.," etc., stamps. Their use is, however, purely fiscal, and they are simply used in the offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the purpose of receipting documents, accounts, etc.

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C. A. (Watermark).—(See Crown C. A.)

CABANAS.—The name of one of the former presidents of Salvador, which is shown across a circle in the lower left hand corner of the stamps issued in that republic in 1887-9.

CABLED ANCHOR.—A watermark shown in all the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope issued since 1884 and also in many of the postal fiscal stamps of Great Britain. (See also Anchor.)

CABO.—An overprint found on many of the stamps of Nicaragua issued since 1904. These stamps are used at Cabo, in the province of Zelaya, and the reason given for the overprinting is that the currency in this district is on a silver basis worth 42c to the peso, while elsewhere in Nicaragua paper money worth only 25c to the peso is generally used.

CABOT ISSUE.—A special set of stamps issued in Newfoundland in 1897 with the dual object of commemorating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the island by Cabot, and the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Giovanni Cabot, better known in England as John Cabot, was born at Genoa in 1425. His dominant idea was to discover new lands across the sea, and having failed to receive support from the courts of Spain and Portugal he went to England in 1491. There he was more successful, and on March 5th, 1496, he was granted letters patent by Henry VII to take possession, on behalf of England, of any new lands he might discover. With his three sons Cabot sailed from Bristol in 1497 in a small vessel, the "Matthew," and on June 24th the coast of Newfoundland was sighted. Cabot returned to England with the news, and in the following year the intrepid explorer again set sail from Bristol with a small fleet of five ships, but of the fate of this expedition nothing was ever heard. Cabot's portrait and ship are shown on two of the stamps of the Newfoundland commemorative series.

CABO VERDE.—The Portuguese name for the Cape Verde Islands, which appears on all the stamps issued for that colony.

CABUL.—(or Kabul).—The capital of Afghanistan and the name by which the postage stamps of Afghanistan were at one time generally known.

CADIZ.—A Spanish province having an area of 2,834 square miles and a population of about half a million. After the revolution in Madrid in September, 1868, and the consequent flight of the Queen, a Provisional Government was formed which issued orders that all postage stamps were to be overprinted "Habilitado por la Nacion" before being sold to the public. The province of Cadiz used a special handstamp for this purpose which differs from that in general use throughout the rest of Spain only in the size of the letters of the inscription.

CALI.—A town in the province of Cauca, Colombia, having a population of over 16,000. A number of provisional stamps, set up from ordinary printer's type, were issued here in 1879.

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The new series was made up of values from 1½ pence to 10 shillings. For the ½ penny the design of the previous issue was accepted and the penny lilac in use at the time of issue was considered suitable. For the £1 the then existing die for the telegraph stamp of that value was brought into use substituting, as in the £5 stamp for the word "Telegraphs" that of "Postage".

The whole series was ready for issue in 1883, and sheets overprinted "Specimen", perforated 12, were sent out for distribution among the post office departments of the world. Whether the printers, Messrs. de la Rue or the Government Department, Somerset House, perforated and overprinted these specimens is not known, but it is very likely that the latter department did the work as the firm mentioned never possessed a machine gauging 12, though possessing an old perforating machine gauging 12½ that had been used for many Colonial issues.

The new set contained one new value —that of half a crown or 2½ shillings. This was probably deemed of immediate use, for it made so early an appearance as July, 1883, whereas the other values were kept back on account of large stocks of the several previous issues, until the first of April of the following year, 1884. Owing to the size of the 2½, 5 and 10sh stamps the Anchor watermarked paper of the obsolete 5sh, 10sh and £1 stamps was used, but as the £1 value just about spaced three ordinary sized stamps, the Imperial Crown watermarked paper was used, each stamp thus securing three of the crowns.

About the middle of the year 1888 the printers obtained permission to use up a stock of the 1876-80 Orb watermarked paper (used for the 2½p stamps) for printing a supply of the £1. In this instance also, each stamp shows three watermarks.

As in the preceding issue of the large high values on the "naked" Anchor watermarked papers, a supply was printed that showed a distinct delicate blue tint to the paper. Faked copies, which have probably been *boiled* in water containing laundry blue, are smudgy and show small specks of blue matter that renders them a fraud fairly easy to detect. Owing to the fugitive nature of the ink, the green stamps quickly dissolve in water, and if left for some time assume a permanent pale apple green shade, whereas the colour of the issued stamp is a deep, slightly bluish green. The 9 penny, the 10sh in a full blue shade and the £1 watermarked Orbs are the scarcest values to obtain in fine condition. Registered cancellations on the used specimens add to their value.

The 5p value is known with a short line under the "d" representing pence instead of a full point, but this was removed from the plate before the issue became general.

1883-84. Wmk. Imperial Crown. Perf. 14.

½p slate (design of preceding issue).
1½p lilac.
2p lilac.
2½p lilac (horizontally oblong).
3p lilac.
4p deep green.
5p deep green.
6p deep green (horizontally oblong).
9p deep green (horizontally oblong).
1sh deep green.
£1 brown lilac (horizontally oblong).

Wmk. "Naked" Anchor. Perf. 14.

2½sh lilac.
2½sh lilac on blued paper.
2½sh deep lilac.
5sh rose.
5sh rose on blued paper.
5sh crimson.
10sh full blue.
10sh ultramarine.
10sh ultramarine on blued paper.

Watermarked "Orbs". Perf. 14.

£1 brown lilac (horizontally oblong).

The idea of several values in the same colour was far from a success owing to similarity of design as well as of colour, causing confusion to both postal officials and the public. It was very shortly decided to alter the issue. The printers were, therefore, instructed to submit new designs in 1886.

The following year being the 50th anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria the authorities probably thought that they would be justified in "splashing" a little color about, and for the first time bicolored stamps made their appearance, January 1st, 1887. Three values, however, the 2½p, 3p and 6p, were printed in a single colour, but upon colored paper, and the ½p on white. In the 3p value the effect of the purple ink on yellow paper is very peculiar inasmuch as the yellow paper destroys the purple, and appears as though printed in brown. Until specimens printed by the same ink on white paper had been shown it was held by some "authorities" as *"brown* on yellow."

The values first issued were the ½, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 pence and one shilling. Two other values, however, made their appearance during the next few years, all of a kindred unified design, the 10p on Feb. 24th, 1890, and an entirely new value for a new parcel post rate, the 4½p in 1892.

In 1891, the £1 value was reprinted in green, but on the crown watermark paper.

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	5c blue and black	.03
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1887-1900. Wmk. Imperial Crown. Perf. 14.

½p vermilion.
½p orange-vermilion.
1½p deep purple and green.
1½p pale purple and green.
2p green and vermilion.
2p green and carmine.
2½p purple on blue.
2½p purple on blue printed on gummed side issued at Southampton.
3p purple on yellow.
3p deep purple on yellow.
3p deep purple on orange.
4p green and purple brown.
4p green and deep brown.
4½p green and carmine.
5p dull purple and blue.
6p light purple on rose red.
6p deep purple on rose red.
9p purple and blue.
10p purple and carmine.
1sh green.
£1 green.

The attention of the government was drawn by the Universal Postal Union to the fact that they were not complying with the U. P. U. colour regulations, and that the values equivalent of 1c-2c and 5c should be green, red, and blue, respectively. One value, the 2½p complied to some extent with this ruling, but only one value was changed, that of the ½p from vermilion to green. This colour was, however, confusing with the 1sh value, which was also of not unlike design and colour. The border of the 1sh was therefore changed to carmine.

The colours of both values are very fugitive, the ½p changing to blue through dampness alone.

1900. Wmk. Imperial Crown. Perf. 14.

½p bluish green.
1sh green and carmine.

DEATH OF MR. HAUSBURG.

Mr. C. J. Phillips of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., London, writes me under date of July 12th, informing me of the death the previous week, after a long illness, of Mr. Leslie L. R. Hausburg, one of Great Britain's most prominent collectors, who attended the New York Philatelic Exhibition in 1913 and was one of the keenest students of Philately. His loss and the recent death of Mr. M. P. Castle are surely a severe blow to British Philately.

I have also been informed of the death of another British philatelist, Mr. S. C. Barnett, a specialist in the stamps of Chile.

J. M. BARTELS.

JAMAICA SHILLING.

Many thanks for your interest in my odd 1 shilling Jamaica and for its return. Possibly I ought to accept without further question your idea that the color variety in the central part is merely a chemical change due to the susceptibility of the paper, but some way I do not feel quite satisfied on that point, and have been disappointed that you did not refer to the matter in the WEEKLY in order to call out opinions from those who have handled this value, and perhaps noted the difference in the central part. That it has been noted by at least one other than myself was proved by Mrs. Oughtred's quotation from a dealer, who said, as I have told you, that he knew of it, had seen it, and considered it a valuable error. I had two other 1sh white backs, put them to soak, and found no change to violet centres as a result. If you put a strong glass over this stamp of mine, as I did, you must surely have seen that the paper is not in any way stained, as it would have been had the colors run in soaking and also—most convincing of all—that the violet shade follows the medallion with perfect exactness. Had the paper possessed any susceptibility to change the shade of ink used in printing upon it, which is possible of course, it seems decidedly strange that the inclination should follow the exact line of the medallion centre, should be of uniform tint through the medallion, and yet should not show the slightest hint of the violet shade in any other portion of the entire stamp. That point is the one which perplexes me most, making me think that a public discussion of the puzzle might succeed in unearthing some news of interest. I am positive that this stamp has never been soaked, and that its oddity is in no way due to any private manipulation.

I do not recall how the Jamaica's are printed, but if from a key plate, then isn't it just possible that the central design may have been used on another plate printed in violet, and imperfectly cleaned before it was inserted in the plate for the 1sh Jamaica? Then when the whole was printed, the centre may have held just enough of the old violet ink to cause the hybrid. It is a guess, whose probability I have not looked up, but the thought occurred to me. I remember I once had a monogram printed in purple, and later ordered more done in silver. The latter supply showed on some sheets, traces of the purple, and when I complained, the printer said the die must have escaped proper cleaning. I do not understand the mysteries of a printing office, so offer these remarks only for what they are—or are *not*—worth.

Have you as yet found any explanation of my Iceland 3a with postmark of a crown over a posthorn, and lettered FLATY, all in purple? I am still curious to know the meaning thereof.

AMY L. SWIFT.

[Miss Swift's claim may have all foundation in fact. What have readers to say about the shilling white back? Also, Miss Swift wishes to know what significance the FLATY postmark on her Iceland stamp has. We are unable to tell.—EDITOR.]

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EDITORIAL.

Developments—The post office department has announced that "unpaid letters from soldiers in the United States Expeditionary Forces in Europe addressed for delivery in the United States or its possessions are to be rated with postage due at the single rate only to be collected on delivery." Ordinarily, double the amount of the deficiency in postage is charged. The newspapers have told of the departure ordered by the postmaster general, allowing the despatch of unwrapped and unaddressed magazines prepaid at the rate of one cent each, for soldiers and sailors of the United States Expeditionary Forces in Europe. This enterprise on the part of the postal authorities will be appreciated, it is needless to say. As will be seen by the governmental order, only such magazines as bear a printed formula as prescribed by the department may be sent under this regulation.

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War—We have seen on a letter from the island of Corfu on which the postage to this country was paid by the regular French stamps overprinted (but not surcharged): "Postes Serbes." Our correspondent explains that the letter was sent through the Serbian post office in Corfu, whose stock of Serbian stamps was exhausted and that in consequence, French stamps were used. On the subject of the new Austrian stamps and other war issues, the Boston *Globe* of July 15, 1917, had a remarkable article which seems to be almost inspired and which is well worth copying, although one may look askant at the paragraph that closes the account.

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Marked—The Indiana Stamp Company has shown us a two cent bank check, yellow, of the first issue, civil war period, which bears the words in large letters in purple ink, the words in four lines: "U. S. A.—7 CTS—REV." In addition the stamp has the cancellation in postmark form of a firm in New Orleans. Of course, an unsubstantiated marking of this kind proves nothing but we mention this curiosity on the very small chance that some supporting testimony may be found. The use of the stamp at New Orleans may furnish a clue in itself.

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Navy—In a recent number of *Sea Power,* there was an illuminating article on the Confederate navy, compiled by a historian who had access to the data on the subject in the archives at Washington. The details as submitted, in effect were a tribute to the activities of the southern navy, which were more extensive than the uninformed person would suppose. It may be said that the maritime exploits of the south, except in several outstanding instances, are only vaguely in the minds of those who have had no occasion or inclination to attend closely to the naval history of the Confederacy. These observations are made to introduce our opinion to the effect that any postal indications of the navy department of the Confederate states is the rare exception. This is said in the light of our experience, which, however, may not be absolute proof of the statement. For nearly thirty years we have been regardful of the attractions of Confederate issues but only recently have we seen any reference to the Confederate navy department on postal forms. We have come into possession of two covers which bear the frank of the navy department and they may be described as follows: "An envelope with the printed inscription in the upper right half, in three lines: Confederate States of America—Navy Department —Official Business." The envelope has a ten cent, blue, 1863, in the upper left corner, which is canceled Richmond. The envelope is addressed: Mrs. C. C. Clay, Care of Govr. Hammond, Augusta, Geo. The second envelope is of official size and has the inscription, "C. S. Navy Department, Office of Ordnance and Hydrography," in two lines, upper right, and "Official Business," at upper left. The postmark, "Richmond, Apr. 11, 1862, Va." is in blue. There is no stamp on the envelope which is addressed to: "Asst. Suptdt, R. B. Wright, Naval Ordnance Works, Richmond, Va." The treasury, war, post office and navy departments had their official envelopes.

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Branch—Some time ago we had the privilege of describing several covers that established the fact that there was an "Agency Post Office Dept., Trans-Miss.," at Marshall, Texas. At that time, these covers were in the possession of Mr. W. H. McDonald, who proved later that there is record in the annals of the Confederacy, of this branch which was established for several reasons, one of which was to provide a place of safety in case of emergency, and another was to facilitate the workings of the postal service in the southwest. An authoritative account of the origin and existence of the Marshall sub-station would be welcome; and some day, when a historian will delve into this and suggested subjects, surmise will be replaced by fact. Too, the express letter-carrying institutions that exchanged correspondence between the North and South after the declaration of war until prohibited by the authorities, will be represented by full records and by illustrated examples of these covers with their interesting markings. Some time ago we disposed of an express cover of the kind to Mr. John A. Klemann, and later Mr. Jacob S. Fox of Pottsville, Pa., submitted another cover in this class for examination. Now, when so much interest is being evinced in Confederate issues, we are hopeful that there will arise somewhere a gentleman with the means to indulge his Confederate specialty and with a knack for research who will cultivate this fruitful field. The actual stamps of the Confederacy have been given their meed of attention, and there remains only an unexplored border section replete with postalic quirks that are shown by franks and impressions rather than by the stamps themselves.

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Busy—Here it is mid-summer, and instead of the comparative calm that hovers customarily over our pursuit at this time, there is the whirr of the philatelic wheels still going round. We do not base our statement upon any evidences shown by our advertising columns, commercial patter or hearsay, but on the correspondence that we receive from readers, which is running close to old-time form. We often wish that we could induct the man who cannot reconcile himself to the thought that there is any substance to philately into the mysteries of the philatelic publisher's mail. If he could see the letters and interrogatories from interested readers, many of whom are men of affairs, the unbeliever would rub his eyes. We cannot always attend to this correspondence with the despatch and thoroughness that we should like, yet we answer such questions as we are able to or refer them to readers; and as for letters from friendly or otherwise correspondents, they yield their quota of "brain-ore" that is valuable. Our weekly budget usually carries a thought or so that we are glad to relay to readers.

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Conventions—The conventions of the national organizations are scheduled for August, and if the attendance at the meeting of the Southern Philatelic Association at Minneapolis and that of the American Philatelic Society at Alexandria Bay, New York, could be in ratio with the feeling of interest in philately at present, they would be the biggest conventions on record. As it is, it is problematical just how well attended the conventions will be, but we have every assurance that the old guard will not fail this critical year. Mr. Wylie will attend the A. P. S. Convention, and Mr. Severn, the Minneapolis meeting, thus showing how propinquity often shapes our ends.

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Interned—We have just seen a letter from one of the Germans interned by the Government at a camp near Atlanta, Ga. The envelope, bearing two one cent stamps, is postmarked Atlanta, Ga., in the usual way, and in the upper left corner is the name of the sender, "Prisoner of War," and number. On the reverse is the rubber stamped impression, "Censored."

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THE DEATH OF FERRARY.

(This article taken from the New York Sun throws an interesting sidelight on the clipping reprinted recently from Stamp Collecting and corrects a wrong impression contained in the clipping. At the time of his death Ferrary was a citizen of Servia.—Ed.)

There has just passed away at Lausanne, Switzerland, at the age of 68, an old gentleman who used to be known as Emilio Ferrary, and who lived in the most quiet and unassuming manner. All that was known of him at Lausanne was that he had at one time been a professor of mathematics at one of the public schools of Paris. No one was aware that he possessed the most famous stamp collection in the world, which he had purchased from the late Lord Rothschild, nor that he had voluntarily renounced the succession to his father's altogether colossal fortune and to his dukedom of Galliera, created by Pope Gregory XVI in 1838.

To this day the cause of his differences with his father—of whom he was the only surviving child, his younger brother having died in infancy—has remained a mystery. Prof. Ferrary, as he preferred to be called, at an early age imbibed Socialist doctrines, and while he never paraded them or sought notoriety in connection therewith, yet he evidently did not consider that his creed was consistent with the possession of great wealth, and it is very probable that he became estranged from his father through his socialism.

He was born at Genoa, a city with which his family, the Ferraris, have been identified ever since the eleventh century, holding the offices of Doge and of Ambassador of the republic to the court of the Pope. The professor became a Frenchman, and it was as such that he taught at the Paris University, making his quarters, not in the superb Galliera Palace, in the Rue de Varennes, in the Faubourg St. Germain, nor yet in the palace which his mother had inherited from her De Brignole-Sale ancestors, but in very modest lodgings in the Quartier Latin. Later on he exchanged his French citizenship for that of Austria, and three or four years ago abandoned his Austrian nationality for that of Serbia. It was as a citizen of Serbia that he died at Lausanne, and owing to the fact that the greater portion of Serbia is now in the possession of the enemy and that his will was left in the care of a Serbian lawyer at Belgrade, there is likely to be some delay before any final disposition can be made of his great collection of stamps, of his valuable library, and of the money which his mother, who survived her husband for many years, insisted upon bequeathing to him from her own personal and private fortune and which had no connection whatever with his father's property. The professor never married.

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STAMP THIEF CAPTURED.

By J. M. Bartels.

Numerous New York dailies have contained items concerning the capture of a sixteen year old boy who burglarized the offices of several stamp dealers in New York City during May and June. Previous notice of a burglary had been published by Felix Ciampolini whose loss was more severe than the others. It seems that in all something like $600 worth of stamps were stolen from five different places, including some early Mexican covers, a few German States, etc., from our firm. One day last week a boy named Feinberg sold to a 42d Street dealer a good sized miscellaneous parcel of stamps, receiving on account $150 and was to call for a balance due him several days later. Ciampolini was notified and identified many stamps which he had lost, also stamps which he had remembered seeing in the show-frames in the office of our firm. The following day the boy was arrested after sending a messenger for the balance of the money. He claims that he had a mania for stamps which he could not resist. He was employed by a law firm at 93 Nassau St., where he bore an excellent reputation and had been frequently trusted with sums of cash making deposits for the firm at a bank, having faithfully deposited $400 the day before his arrest. The burglaries were committed in three cases by forcing the lock of the office door after office hours and in one case by climbing through a transom. Four of the dealers robbed are located on Nassau Street and one on Fifth Avenue. The youthful burglar has made a full confession of the five robberies and is now held for the Grand Jury next week.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—Daniel Y. Dodd, Wilmore, Ky., a shut-in, would be very pleased to be remembered with some offerings of stamps if any of our subscribers are disposed to send them. Mr. Dodd had infantile paralysis when he was two and one-half years old. He is now nineteen, and has never walked a step during his life. His stamp collection is his greatest comfort, and he will appreciate very much any donations that may be made him.

—While visiting Detroit, Elliott Perry of Westfield, N. J., had stolen from him certain United States stamps, both revenue and postage. Note the advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

—We are informed by S. M. Edwards, secretary of the Postal Card Society, that Mr. Guest's paper, *The Collectors' Journal,* has been selected as the official organ of the Society.

—*G. A. Doyle.*—We understand that "Album Weeds" is out of print. If some dealer has two or three copies that he will advertise, they would be sold with ease.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Geo. A. Hall, Kenneth Tallmadge, Herman W. Boers, Maitland Milliken and J. Saulnier.

—Charles H. Hermann advises us that he has been unable to secure any information concerning the whereabouts of Geo. O. Deitrich, formerly of Pasadena, Cal. He was reported as being located at San Bernardino, but a letter sent there was returned. He has some stamps Mr. Hermann would like to secure. His reference was S.P.A. 2012.

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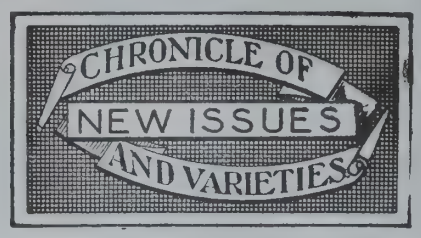
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Information regarding varieties and new issues gratefully received. Address PERCY McG. MANN, 720 Liberty Bldg., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents. Numbers in parentheses indicate the previous issue of the WEEKLY in which information germane to the subject was published.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. A. Yost submits for our inspection a plate variety of the current 2c stamp, perf. 10, and states: "I am sending you a stamp taken from sheet No. 8010, present issue, lower right hand pane, stamp No. 100, with initials 'J. W. G.' on the margin. The line through the left figure '2' appears on all these sheets very prominently."

The stamp submitted shows a heavy color line extending from the end of the left ribbon over the left figure "2" diagonally down through the "2" to the end of the foot of the numeral, and it was probably the result of some tool falling on the plate. The variety may also be found perf. 11.

The Eastern Stamp Co. submits a 6c stamp current issue, perf. 10, drawing our attention to a peculiarity about the shade and stating that they received it among thousands of other stamps. The face of the stamp has been colored bluish and this makes the orange color in which it is printed look very deep. The bluing of the paper has a tendency to make the color appear darker than it really is. The 1909 6c on bluish paper looks darker in shade than the ordinary 6c stamp of the same issue. But, unlike the bluish paper of 1909, the present stamp under discussion is only colored on the face. It may have been caused by some chemical action, and we have no other explanation for it.

Mr. C. A. Price submits a more interesting 6c stamp current type and states: "Herewith find a current issue 6c coil perforated stamp which I have never seen catalogued. . . . It was used by the state in sending out auto tags. I have several stamps of the same kind precancelled 'Charleston W. VA.' but have seen only one of the 6c coil perforation."

We have sent an inquiry to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and will publish the reply when received. However, we have our doubts that it is a coil stamp.

(1383)—Mr. Bartels supplements the previous lists of new envelopes as follows, and we thank him for the contribution:—

Issue 1915.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife.
2c	C	9	Amber	19	61
2c	C	9	Amber	20	61

Issue 1916 (Circular Die).

2c	A	5	White	19	81
2c	B	5	Amber	20	99
2c	E	5	window White	19	87

Mrs. I. M. Allen writes as follows: "I have recently come into possession of an envelope which, to me, is quite a novelty. It is a No. 7, two cent government envelope, which bears this printed notice at the top:

DO NOT PUT IN U. S. MAIL.

Caution.—This envelope contains letters of transmittal covering papers in attached inclosure. Under Postal Regulations the Package may be forwarded by Railway Train Mail or Express to destination.

DO NOT SEPARATE THIS ENVELOPE FROM THE PACKAGE.

"It was sent to the Local Freight Agent, Barrington, Ill., from Southern Railway System, Chattanooga, Tenn. There is other printed matter on the envelope relative to railroad business. The stamp is privately cancelled in purple with 'W. T. White, Freight Claim Agent, Chattanooga, Tenn.' in three lines. The envelope is pasted to a plain one of larger size. What struck me as odd was the fact that it was necessary to use a stamped envelope when it could not be mailed."

We believe this subject has been previously covered in the WEEKLY, but we do not have the published matter at hand. However, we understand that the railways may send their own communications from one station on the road to another without these coming under the postal laws and regulations, but the interchange of mail matter between railways and (or) their subsidiary companies cannot be carried over the Mail Routes without coming under the Postal Laws, even though they are not handled by mail clerks. Therefore, such communications or mail matter is transmitted via the railroads under regulations provided by the postal laws and regulations, and this provides, we believe, that a government stamped envelope be used in such cases.

(1386)—Mr. Carl O. Swaney shows us the "Young Men's Business Clubs of America Lamar, Colo. August 29th-30th 1917" advertising cancellation, which has been in use at Lamar, Colo., for several months.

Confederate States.—Mr. Gerald S. Curtis writes: "It may be of interest to Confederate collectors who read your WEEKLY to know that in my searchings I have discovered a 5c green on cover, Scott's No. 200, of the general issues, dated 'Plaquemine, La. Sept. 8, 1861.' This antedates anything heretofore known by one month and eight days."

AUSTRIA.—(1384)—Our chronicle of provisional postage due stamps in the WEEKLY of July 7 is confirmed by illustrations of them which we have seen in *Booleman's Confidentia-Circulaire,* and this publication lists others in the same series. The stamps of the values of 24h, 36h, 42h and 54h, showing a portrait of the late Emperor Francis Joseph, have been overprinted "PORTO" and new value, a large asterisk covering the original value at the bottom. Our only wonder is, were these values ever issued as postage stamps without the overprint?

As we are not advised of the colors, the formal listing will await that information.

The same publication illustrates a new 15h postage stamp with a portrait of Emperor Karl I. The portrait is contained in an elipse-on-end, surrounded with the usual inscription which has appeared on Austrian stamps since 1908, from which scalloped rays extend into a rectangular formation the shape of the stamp, which is, we judge, the same size as preceding issue of the same value.

Adhesive.

15h rose-red.

The triangular Special Delivery stamps probably proved to be unhandy, as a new large oblong stamp has been issued for this purpose. The publication above referred to illustrates the new special delivery stamp. The central portion of the design is similar to the preceding triangular one, having a head of Mercury leaning forward and downward with a cloud as background. The inscription at the top is "K.K.OSTERREICHISCHE POST." Lightning streaks appear at the sides, the value being in large numerals "5" at either lower corner and the word "HELLER" between. We do not know the color of the new stamp, and the listing thereof awaits the information. It is probably green on yellow, like the preceding issue.

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA.—The stamps of Congo overprinted "Est Africain Allemand Ocuppation Belge" have been seen, says the *Madrid Filatelico,* with the cancellation "Malagarassi—T.F.—1917," which shows they have been used on wireless telegrams sent within the country, the charge for which is 25 centimes per word.

BOSNIA.—(1386)—Our surmise as to the special charity stamps mentioned in the Chronicle of last week is correct in one respect, and that is the 10h bistre and 15h carmine stamps have been overprinted. A week was set aside for the raising of funds for widows and orphans caused by the war and the stamps above mentioned were overprinted, "WITTWEN UND" reading up at the left, "WAISEN WOCHE" reading down at the right, and "1917" horizontally between, and sold for 12h and 17h respectively.

Charity Stamps.

10h bistre.
15h carmine.

CANADA.—(1380)—Mr. O. Kendall favors us with a newspaper clipping from Winnipeg. This is of such interest that we reprint it in its entirety:

"*Ottawa,* July 13.—The post office department is issuing at the present time a post card in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of confederation. The card used is the ordinary post card, with an inset containing information of the various provinces existing in 1867 and now. And also statistics informing in regard to the area, population, general development and industry of the country since 1867.

"The information supplied is of an interesting character, and illustrates the rapid growth of Canada in a marked way.

"The department has also in contemplation the issuing of a commemorative three cent stamp, to consist of an engraved reproduction of Harris E. Plinting's 'Fathers of Confederation.' This stamp is now in course of preparation and is expected to be issued on or about the first of August next."

CANAL ZONE.—*(Taboga)*—Mr. Frank E. Greene in *Philatelic Gossip* states that the government has taken over the Hotel Aspinwall on the Island of Taboga, where it has installed an internment camp. The island is situated about ten miles from Panama. About 100 prisoners were originally placed on the island, but about sixty have been taken to the United States. Mr. Greene states that the prisoners are allowed to send first class mail free and that this carries a notation: "Mailed by Interned Prisoner of War," or at least Mr. Greene is told that this is the proper wording. This notation is impressed in two lines with red ink. All the mail is censored and bears a three-line rubber stamp impression reading: "Opened by—U. S. Censor—....," the last line being for the censor's initials; this is enclosed in a double line rectangular frame. This is also impressed in red. Mr. Greene also states that he has been told that the first pieces of mail had the notations written by hand in red ink.

CHINA.—(1384)—Mr. Benjamin Cadbury has shown us the 2c, 4c and 5c postage due stamps printed at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Peking, China, which do not show "bent tack" as described for the ½c in the Chronicle of July 7, although the other characteristics as described for the Peking printings are apparent in these three values. So the "bent tack" feature will only act as a test for the ½c value, as far as we know. In the colorless space over the words "Postage Due" there is a Chinese character, the lower stroke at the left resembling a tack; on the ½c of the Peking printing the point of this tack extends over the "T" of postage, while on the 2c, 4c and 5c, shown us by Mr. Cadbury, the point of the tack only extends to the "A." We have not as yet seen the Peking printings of the 1c, 10c, 20c and 30c. For a description of the other characteristics of the Peking printings, our readers are referred to the Chronicle of July 7th.

GREECE.—(1385)—Mr. Eugene Klein has shown us the 1l of 1901 (Scott's No. 165) overprinted "K. P. Lepton 5" for use as a War Tax stamp. In sending us word of the same surcharge on a 1l stamp, which we mentioned in the Chronicle of June 16, Dr. H. J. Perry did not state which issue had been used for surcharging, and we took it for granted that the current 1l stamps had been used. We are compelled, therefore, to change the chronicle of these stamps and submit the list as follows:

War Tax Stamps.

5l on 1l reddish-brown (1901).
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458, Mexico 1915, 4c rouletted, mint, .02
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"The English have the intention of creating a principality (sultanate) of Mesopotamia, probably having already done so, and have named as Chief of the State the brother of the present Sultan of Egypt, Ahmed Fuad."

MEXICO.—(1384)—Coming to our rescue, as requested in our Chronicle of July 7, Mr. Herman Focke submits the current set of Mexican stamps, and we find the list as follows, the names following each value being those of the personages or other subjects portrayed on the stamps:

Rouletted 14.

1c mauve, Gen'l Ignacio Zaragoza.
2c blue-green, Ildefonso Vazquez.
3c brown, J. M. Pino Suarez.
4c rose-pink, Jesus Carranza.
5c ultramarine, (Maclovio Herrera).
10c blue, Francisco I. Madero.
20c claret, Dr. Belisario Dominguez.
30c gray-lilac, Aquiles Serdan.

Perforated 12.

1c mauve.
5c ultramarine.
10c blue.
40c purple, (Map of Mexico).
1p blue & black, Light House, Vera Cruz.
5p green & black, Post Office, Mexico City.

Mr. Focke states that the perforated 12, 1c, 5c and 10c were received by him during the early days of the issue of this type, and that they are not plentiful. We note that those coming from Mexico at the present time are rouletted, with the exception, of course, of the 40c, 1p and 5p.

MONTENEGRO.—(1385)—Our readers are requested to please transpose the third and fourth lines in our Montenegro chronicle of July 14 (1385).

PAPUA.—(1384)—Mr. Martin W. Hoose writes: "In a recent consignment of stamps I received the new 3d bi-colored Papua. The figure '3' in the lower right corner of this stamp has the upper ball the shape of an inverted acorn, with the point slightly curved to the right. The lower ball is normal. I do not know whether all stamps of this denomination are printed that way or not."

As the stamps are, we believe, lithographed, each stamp in the sheet may contain some means of locating its position in the sheet, that is, with or without some variation of design. We would be pleased to hear from some one who can supply the information whether all the 3d stamps have the variation mentioned by Mr. Hoose.

RUSSIA.—*(Republic.)*—The *Revista Filatelica d'Italia* publishes what it claims as exclusive news the fact that on the Romanoff issue of stamps, up to and including the 14k, the new government has overprinted the letters "U. P. P." and the date of the declaration of the Republic, all in Russian characters, within an octagonal frame. If this is correct, it records the first stamps issued by the new Russian Republic.

TUNIS.—Mr. Gerald Mongeon advises us that he has a copy of the 10c on 15c violet on pinkish, Scott's No. 46, with the surcharge so misplaced that it shows only three bars instead of four.

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18 U. S. Stamped Paper, List,N.Y.Series
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302	3c	purple	.10	.05
303	4c	brown†	.12	.06
304	5c	blue	.15	.07
306	8c	slate†	.20	.10
307	10c	reddish-brown	.25	.12
308	13c	brown-black†	.30	.15
300a	1c	imperf.	.05	.03
	1903 issue.			
314	2c	carmine†	.06	.04
314c	2c	scarlet†	.15	.05
314e	2c	imperf.†	.15	.05
	1904 issue. (St. Louis)			
315	1c	green†	.05	.03
316	2c	carmine†	.08	.04
317	3c	violet†	.15	.08
318	5c	blue†	.25	.10
319	10c	brown†	.35	.15
	1907 issue. (Jamestown)			
320	1c	green†	.05	.03
321	2c	carmine†	.06	.04
322	5c	blue†	.15	.07
	1908 issue. (Double line wmk.)			
323	1c	green†	.03	.02
324	2c	carmine†	.05	.04
325	3c	violet†	.08	.05
327	5c	blue	.12	.07
329	8c	olive†	.18	.10
330	10c	yellow	.30	.12
331	13c	blue-green	.30	.15
323a	1c	imperf.†	.05	.03
324a	2c	imperf.†	.08	.04
324c	2c	vertical coil line pair	..	.35
	1909 issue. (Commemoratives)			
335	2c	Lincoln†	.06	.04
335a	2c	imperf.†	.08	.04
335b	2c	bluish paper	.30	.23
336	2c	Alaska†	.06	.04
336a	2c	imperf.†	.08	.04
337	2c	Hudson†	.06	.04
337a	2c	imperf.†	.08	.04
	1910 issue. (Single line wmk.)			
338	1c	green†	.03	.02
339	2c	carmine	.05	.04
340	3c	violet†	.06	.05
341	4c	brown†	.08	.06
342	5c	blue†	.10	.07
343	6c	orange†	.12	.08
344	8c	olive†	.18	.10
345	10c	yellow	.25	.12
338a	1c	imperf.†	.05	.03
338d	1c	ver. coil perf. 8½†	.05	.03
339d	2c	ver. coil perf. 8½†	.06	.04
338e	1c	hor. coil perf. 8½†	.05	.03
339e	2c	hor. coil perf. 8½†	.06	.04
340c	3c	hor. coil perf. 8½†	.12	.05
	1912 issue.			
355	1c	green†	.02	.02
356	2c	carmine†	.04	.04
357	7c	black	.12	.03
358	8c	pale olive green	.15	.10
358a	8c	olive green†	.15	.10
359	9c	salmon†	.16	.11
360	10c	orange	.18	.12
361	12c	deep magenta	.20	.14
362	15c	gray	.25	.17
363	20c	ultramarine	.35	.23
364	30c	vermilion	.50	.35
355a	1c	imperf.†	.03	.02
356a	2c	imperf.†	.05	.04
355b	1c	ver. coil perf. 8½†	.04	.03
356b	2c	ver. coil perf. 8½†	.05	.04
355c	1c	hor. coil perf. 8½†	.04	.03
356c	2c	hor. coil perf. 8½†	.05	.04
	1912 issue. (San Francisco)			
347	1c	green†	.02	.02
348	2c	carmine†	.04	.04
349	5c	blue†	.08	.07
350	10c	yellow	.25	.12
	(San Francisco perf. 10)			
351	1c	green†	.02	.02
352	2c	carmine	.04	.04
354	10c	orange	.15	.12
	1914 issue. (Perf. 10)			
369	1c	green†	.02	.02
370	2c	carmine†	.04	.03
371	3c	violet†	.05	.04
371	3c	pink back†	..	.10
372	4c	brown†	.07	.05
373	5c	blue†	.08	.06
374	6c	orange†	.09	.08
375	7c	black†	.10	.09
376	8c	olive†	.12	.10
377	9c	salmon†	.14	.11
378	10c	yellow	.15	.12
378a	11c	blue green†	.16	.13
379	12c	maroon†	.18	.14
379a	12c	pink back	..	.20
380	15c	gray	.22	.18
381	20c	ultramarine†	.30	.23
369b	1c	hor. coil perf. 10†	.03	.03
370f	2c	hor. coil perf. 10†	.05	.04
370eR	2c	ver. coil Rotary†	..	.04
369bR	1c	hor. coil Rotary†	..	.02
370fR	2c	hor. coil Rotary†	..	.04
371aR	3c	hor. coil Rotary†	..	.05
372aR	4c	hor. coil Rotary†	..	.06
373aR	5c	hor. coil Rotary†	..	.07
388	2c	wmkd. perf. 11†	..	.15
	1916 issue. (No wmk. perf. 10)			
	1c	green†	..	.02
	2c	carmine†	..	.03
	3c	violet†	..	.04
	4c	brown†	..	.05
	5c	blue†	..	.06
	6c	orange†	..	.07
	7c	black†	..	.08
	8c	olive†	..	.10
	10c	yellow†	..	.12
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HIGH COST OF POSTAGE.

By Elliott Perry.

The enclosed table of postage rates to foreign countries was taken from a directory dated 1856 and probably held good until December 31, 1855, if not later. At the same time I ran across a newspaper note published within a day or two of Jan. 1, 1856, stating that on January 1, 1856, prepayment became obligatory. I assume that the rates given applied to both prepaid and unpaid mail and if so, they show why the 24c, 30c and 90c stamps were issued a few years later. The collecting of old U. S. on covers has become so popular that it is interesting to note the combinations of one, three, five, ten and twelve cent stamps that could be used to make up the various rates, even for single letters.

I have no information as to why the New York and Bremen route was cheaper than the Prussia closed mail. Perhaps the Bremen packets were slower. Some of the spelling has a quaint flavor and Dardanelles, Galipoli, Salonica, Trebizonde, etc., are on everybody's tongue nowadays, but how many philatelists could locate Ibraila, Mytzlem, Samsum, Tuloza or Varna offhand? Not guilty! And certainly I never before heard of Cesme or Altona.

1855—Postage 3c, except to California, Oregon and Washington Territories, which is 10c, and must be prepaid.

Pre-payment is also required for all foreign places except the following:—

30c—Austria, Baden, Bavaria, Bremen, Brunswick, Cuxhaven, Germany, Hamburgh, Hanover, Lubec, Levant, Lombardy, Mechlenburgh, Moldavia, Naples, Oldenburgh, Placentia, Prussia, Saxony, Schwerin, Strelitz, Venetia, Wurtemburg; 33c—Modena, Parma; 35c—Rome, Switzerland, Tuscany; 37c—Denmark, Ionian Islands, Poland, Russia; 38c—Alexandria, Hong Kong; 40c—Beyrout, Candia, Cesme, Constantinople, Dardanelles, Galatz, Galipoli, Ibraila, Lagnea, Mytzlem, Rhodes, Salonica, Samsum, Samaria, Tenedos, Trebizonde, Tuloza, Varna; 42c—Greece, Sweden; 48c—Norway.

The above must be directed "via Prussia closed mail."

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10c—Bremen; 13c—Oldenburgh; 15c—Austria, Bavaria, Brunswick, Hamburgh, Hanover, Lubec, Mechlenburgh, Scherm or Strelitz, Prussia, Saxe Allenburg, Saxony; 22c—Altona, Germany; 25c—Netherlands, Switzerland; 27c—Denmark, Schleswig; 29c—Poland, Russia; 30c—Alexandria, Corfu; 33c—Constantinople, Greece, Italy, Sweden; 37c—Norway.

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In their efforts to raise money among their enemies the Central Powers, particularly Austria-Hungary and Turkey, have resorted to the practice, long condemned by stamp collectors, of issuing postage stamps good for postage on only one day or limiting the issue.

As philatelists must have every stamp issued for postage to make their collections complete, the issuance of such stamps as described is nothing less than a holdup of the collectors throughout the world.

Hungary issued two stamps to celebrate the coronation of King Charles and Queen Zita, announcing that only 200,000 pairs would be printed and sold. It being calculated that there are 500,000 collectors in the world willing and able to pay as much as $5 for a stamp if there are only 500,000 issued, the opening of the sale of the coronation stamps resulted in riots.

"The sale was attended by riots, fist fights, torn clothes, the use of weapons by soldiers and police and incredible disorder," says the *Scott Circular*, a publication for collectors. "Speculation was rampant and as much as 80 kronen ($16.20) for a pair of the stamps is said to have been paid."

Collectors would have endured that had not the Hungarian Government issued another 280,000 pairs in two weeks and then 520,000 pairs a month later, making 1,000,000 pairs altogether.

Because of the number issued the price among collectors has receded to about 35 cents a pair and is expected to go lower because of the poor quality of the engraving, paper and printing.

That stamp issue was such a "success" that the Austrian Army occupying Montenegro has announced an issue of two postage stamps, good for postage on only one day, "to celebrate the anniversary of the occupation of Montenegro," and has sent a notice to all collecting agencies through the world, reading:

"Orders for these stamps should be sent by telegraph to the Division of Finances of the Imperial and Royal Military Government. Those who send large orders will be advised by telegraph of the quantity reserved for them in case the orders exceed the quantity provided. The orders will be filled after the receipt of the amount."

"Viewed from a distance this looks quite like an effort to raise the wind," comments the *Scott Circular*.

The *Journal Philatelique de Berne*, official publication of the Postal Union, announces that on March 1 "there was another outburst of surcharges on the seemingly inexhaustible stock of old issues of postage stamps. This latest batch of abominations is said to include about 130 different varieties. Further details are lacking, but we fancy most collectors will not care if they never are received."

As the great majority of collectors are English, French and American, it is believed the Central Powers have found a new way of assessing war costs upon their enemies.—Boston *Globe*.

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August and September, 1861 Issue.

In April, 1861, hostilities in the Civil War commenced, and as the Federal Government did not wish its stamps then in the hands of the seceded states to be used for the profit of those states, arrangements for a new series were immediately made.

As the United States government was unable to maintain post offices in the seceded states, a circular was issued to all postmasters in May, 1861, advising them that all mail from the seceded states was to be treated as unpaid matter and to be held for postage.

Several months were required before the plates for the new series of stamps could be made, and printings taken therefrom, but in August, the postmasters were instructed that the previous issue was no longer valid for postage, and were furnished with a stock of the new stamps. The public was notified through the press and elsewhere that six days' time would be allowed in which to exchange the stamps of the old issue for those of the new, and care was used to ascertain that none of the stamps from the post offices in the seceded states was exchanged.

The time of redemption was originally set for September 10th in certain of the Eastern States, while the Western States east of the Rockies were allowed until October 1st, and the States west of the Rockies were granted until November 1st. This delay was due to the fact that it was quite impossible to issue the new stamps to all of the offices before these dates. In a later order, the dates were extended to November 1st, December 1st, and January 1st, respectively.

By order of the Postmaster General of the Confederate States, Postmasters in those states were required to turn in their stocks of stamps and stamped paper to the United States Post Office at Washington, but owing to the strained relations due to the war, this order was not fully obeyed. However, a great many of the Southern offices did turn in their stocks for credit.

The majority of the stamps which were returned were destroyed, but it is known that sets were sold to stamp dealers; this accounts for the fact that certain values of the 1857 series are even now obtainable in unused condition at a comparatively low price.

Owing to the haste in which the stamps of the new series were prepared, the designs were in some instances not as satisfactory as they would have been if more time had been taken, and alterations were made which resulted in the two series known to collectors as the August and September issues.

Collectors who imagine they have found the rare August varieties are usually disappointed.

Inasmuch as most collectors are more or less familiar with the lower values of this issue, little attention will be paid to the general description, but the varieties will be taken up in detail.

One Cent.—Profile portrait of Franklin, looking to the right, in an ellipse. The words "U. S. Postage" appear at the top and the value "one cent" appears at the bottom. The numeral "1" appears in each of the upper corners, while the letters "U" and "S" appear in the lower left and right corners, respectively.

In the first or August type, the extreme upper left ornament, forming an arabesque, rests upon the line of the oval but does not penetrate it.

In the second or September type, this arabesque penetrates into the oval, and a heavy dash has been added beneath it.

Used copies of the 1 cent August type are unknown. The color differs considerably, as the August is indigo, while the September is found in blue, light blue, dark blue, ultramarine, and intermediate shades.

Three Cents.—Profile portrait of Washington, facing left, on oblong tablet of lathe-work, surrounded by a border of lathe-work of the same character, but lighter. The numeral "3" appears in each of the upper corners of the tablet, while the letters "U. S." are found in the lower corners. The inscription U. S. Postage appears at the top center in two lines, and the value "Three Cents" appears at the bottom in similar letters.

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the corners outside the tablet are unfinished and bear only a few trifling ornaments, while in the September type, the corners are more complete with elaborate ornaments which give the stamp a finished appearance and rectangular shape.

The color of the August stamp is brown red or lake, while that of the September type ranges from pink to dull red. Numerous shades of this latter stamp are known, owing to the quantity and number of printings made, this being the value most commonly used. Cancelled copies of the August stamp are practically unknown.

The pink stamp proves misleading to the amateur, as "near-pink" shades are not uncommon, and these are often foisted upon the unwary collector as being the genuine pink. Collectors should use care to ascertain the authenticity of the shade before purchasing the stamp, for perhaps more frauds have been perpetrated in connection with this stamp than any other United States variety. Suffice it to say, the genuine pink stamp is a real scarcity.

Five Cents.—Three-quarters full face portrait of Jefferson in ellipse, surrounded by lathe-work border bearing numerals "5" in top corners and initials "U. S." in lower corners, inscribed at top "U. S. Postage" in one line and value "five cents" in one line at bottom.

The September type differs from the August in the ornaments at the outer corners, as a small "leaflet" has been added in the September.

The color of the five cents is also a means of distinguishing it somewhat, as the August stamp was printed in orange brown while the September issue was printed in buff, mustard, and intermediate shades. However, the later printings were made in brown very similar to the August color.

Used copies of the five cent August are practically unknown.

Ten Cent.—Portrait of George Washington facing toward the left. The inscription "U. S. Postage" appears in a curved label above the portrait, and value "ten cents" in similar label at bottom. In the upper corners are the numerals 10 and in the lower corners the letters "U. S." Above the top label are five stars, while four stars are placed in a panel at each side of the portrait.

This value was the one most generally used of the August series, and it was by the study of the ten cent that the difference in these issues was discovered. The difference between the 10c stamps of the two issues is marked.

In the September issue, a heavy line of color has been added at the upper part of the stamp, separating the border bearing the five stars from the white line above the label bearing the inscription "U. S. Postage", and following the line of the curve. An outer line has also been added to the ornaments above the stars. These lines do not appear on the August type.

The August stamp is found in dark green only, while the September and later printings are in both yellow green and dark green.

Twelve Cents.—Portrait of George Washington, similar to the ten cent value mentioned above, in oval, framed by a white line, and bordered by a lathe-work design with serrated edge. The Arabic numerals "12" are inclined in the upper corners of the border, while the initials "U. S." are placed in the lower corners. The inscriptions "U. S. Postage" and "Twelve Cents" appear above and below the oval, respectively.

The difference in the types can be detected at a glance. In the August issue, the serrated corners appear unfinished, giving the stamp a rounded appearance, while in the September issue, small ovals and arabesques have been added to each corner, making the stamp practically rectangular.

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SEEKS SHARE IN STAMP FIND.

(This clipping from a Philadelphia paper will be read with great interest. Sometime ago news of the find referred to was published in the WEEKLY and it will be remembered that one of the famous St. Louis bear stamps figured prominently in the great find. Clippings from Wm. E. Whyte, P. M. Wolsieffer and Geo. Clothier, Jr.—Ed.)

A story of the finding of a snug fortune in rare stamps, letters, old books and documents in a pile of waste paper removed from 307 and 309 Walnut St., five years ago, and of an attempt to deprive him of an equal share in the treasure, is told in a suit filed in Common Pleas Court today by Frank A. D'Miller, against Edward A. Hemingway.

Hemingway is in the paper stock business at 243-247 Elbow lane, this city, collecting waste paper and selling it to paper manufacturers. D'Miller was his manager.

Back in April, 1912, D'Miller was sorting paper in a mass of old books, letters and documents he had removed from the Walnut St. premises, when, according to his statement, he found the curios. The stamps alone are worth at least $100,000, according to the bill of D'Miller, and included the private issues of several cities in the 1840's before the Government took control of the mails. Among the most valuable of the stamps in the collection is one known as the "St. Louis bear stamp," an issue by the city of St. Louis.

Fifty-one old letters, to which were affixed more than 100 rare, old stamps, were found by D'Miller, according to the bill. Among them, besides the City of St. Louis stamp, was others known as "New York's," "Hale & Company's," "Franklin," "Blood's Despatch," and "American Eagle."

Having rescued the stamps, D'Miller claims he is entitled to an equal share in the treasure, but Hemingway, he charges, despite a mutual understanding to that effect, has assumed absolute ownership of the property.—*Bulletin.*

DEATH OF JUDGE W. D. CADY.

For a number of years we have had on our subscription list Judge Wm. D. Cady of Syracuse, N. Y. News of his death, Tuesday, July 17, reaches us through A. Atlas Leve, who sends us a column clipping from the Syracuse *Herald* giving a very full account of Judge Cady's career. He was ill for about two months and died at the age of sixty-three. He leaves a widow and three children. We regret that we cannot give the particulars of Judge Cady's interest in philately.

DOMESTIC PARCEL-POST RATES AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO AND FROM U. S. EXPEDITIONARY FORCES IN EUROPE.

WASHINGTON, July 24, 1917.

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EDITORIAL.

Eliminated—We are enabled to furnish a bit of news that is likely to have some effect on the market price of the errors. It may be affirmed that the consignment of errors that was received at the Chicago post office was a huge one, whose number has been estimated variously. One lot of about two thousand sheets seems to have been shown to different collectors with the statement that the sheets would be returned to Washington. The presence of this batch of errors, to say nothing of others that were suspected to be on hand, had its disquieting effect on the value of the errors. This consequence was a natural one as there were cynics who averred that the errors would never be returned to Washington but that they would reach the hands of collectors in some labyrinthine way. All conjecture now gives way to fact and it is proved that the error sheets have become nullified so far as their philatelic value is concerned by the action of the Chicago officials, who have been selling the sheets that once included one or two errors, as the case may have been, over the counter; and judging by the number of the sheets with one or two stamps missing that have been handed out by the clerks at the different windows, there must have been an immense number of the errors received at Chicago, the city being a sort of postal station for a large territory adjacent to it. The patron who asked for a sheet of one hundred stamps at the Chicago office would be given a sheet of 98 stamps with the two errors removed; and two of the regulation stamps. Of course, the clerks were glad to work off the misfit sheets as it was a bother to look after them. The sheets with the errors removed have been seen and the collector who was considerate enough to get a parcel of the sheets, with their one or two stamps minus, found that the sheets were in demand as souvenirs by some of his friends.

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Procedure—Now, by reason of Chicago's example we know that some thousands of the error sheets have been rendered unavailable as a market proposition, even though the stamps should never reach Washington. However, even to speculate in this way is innuendo that is indefensible, but granting that there should be some slip between Chicago and Washington, the errors are practically killed as philatelic desirables, as they are pasted on sheets of thick paper, one hundred errors to the sheet, for the sake of accounting. In this way, the errors return home, never again to depart, or to put it plainly, to meet their doom in a fiery furnace. It is alleged that Chicago would not have been a productive center of errors as it was for a short time, if the Chicago officers had read aright the notice sent from Washington recalling the "misprinted stamps." It was assumed that all the stamps in the sheet were of the five cent denomination and for some time, the search was conducted accordingly.

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Minus—From Mr. A. H. Weber, we have received a contribution to error lore. He calls attention to an incomplete or broken G in Postage, No. 84 in the upper right pane, "whereas the error just above, No. 74 in the sheet, and also the single error, No. 18, in the single sheet are perfect." The top curved stroke of G is blotted out at its beginning and the minor defect is seen on all the sheets that have been shown us recently. We may add that there is a slight shadow or ink disturbance below the E of Postage on all the sheets, likewise.

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Confirmation—In a letter from Mr. L. C. Hassler is the observation "To your answer to Mr. Elliott Perry stating that the seven cent Stanton on soft paper is not a special printing variety, I wish to add that the paper upon which the stamp in question is printed is similar to that which was used on the 1879 and the re-engraved issues of 1882-3. The paper used for the special printing evidently was made from a good quality of clean cotton rags, highly calendered. The paper of the 1879 and of the re-engraved issue looks very much like news or poorly calendered paper. A novice can easily detect the difference between the two papers. No, my stamp is not No. 169 in the catalogue."

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Friend—One of our grand old subscribers is G. de Lachasse, Oakland, California, who year in and year out praises the WEEKLY and who with all our faults, loves us still. In one of his letters to us he says: "Should the price of subscription to the WEEKLY be raised, I will gladly hasten to send the increase." We may be permitted to speak on this prosaic question to which our attention is called occasionally during these parlous times. We have not referred to a condition that has been all too evident, the painfully increased cost of publishing, because it is our intention not to advance our rates if we can possibly help ourselves. We have had our fat years and a few lean ones will not cause us to "take it out of our readers." Mr. de Lachasse collects penalty cards and envelopes of the United States which he says are very interesting, as they "by a close study, may be divided into regular issues. The registry return card, for instance, shows no fewer than ten issues." In closing his letter, our correspondent says: "I hope Uncle Sam will end the war by a brilliant and dashing victory for liberty and democracy; and my heart follows our army with the feeling that none, more than a French veteran of the 1870-71 war—as I have the honor to be—can have."

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Tub—On the hottest day of all, the real collector who had been "fanning" with his philatelic pals excused himself with a show of briskness and said that he was going home to play with his stamps. An incredulous jeer greeted his remark and the aforesaid collector said: "Sure, the hotter the day, the better I like to work with my collection. I sit in the bath-tub filled with water and put my albums on two bath-seats pushed together and as a precautionary measure, I stretch a netting under the seats. I spend hours in this way," added the man, who, whatever he is does not juggle the truth. A tale of stamp Love in a Tub.

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Odds—We have seen other censored envelopes from German prisoners of war at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., that are to be described similarly as the one mentioned last week. The plea of Mr. L. Meister, who, in another column makes a stand for rearrangement, numerically, of the catalogue. We believe that Mr. Meister makes a telling, and what is something unusual in this advanced day, novel point, which we commend to the attention of the cataloguers of the coming edition. An aeroplane postage stamp for letters between Turin and Rome, Italy, has been made by surcharging the 25c, express delivery, in black, in three lines: Experimental Aerial Post—May 1917—Torino-Roma-Roma-Torino, in Italian, of course. In the August *Red Cross Magazine* is the reproduction in colors of a poster urging the French public to buy the French Red Cross stamps.

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—The Newark *Sunday Call* of July 22 contained a very interesting article entitled "The World's Unrest Stirs Stamp Collectors." The article is a newsy write-up of recent issues, with their historical features, and is well written. We are indebted to Wm. L. Hamilton for clipping.

—The new 3c Canada stamp to be issued in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Dominion confederation will show a reproduction of H. E. Plinting's picture "Fathers of Confederation." E. Ebbels informs us that the stamp is in course of preparation and is expected to appear the first of August. Have we any Canadian subscribers who can favor us with a copy of the picture above referred to for illustration in the WEEKLY?

—Louis Lazos has been expelled from membership in the Mountain States Philatelic Society. No information as to Lazos' whereabouts can be obtained.

—Gilbert Hoffman calls our attention to a mistake in the Philatelic Dictionary under Bundi. It is there stated that the postage stamps for this state were discontinued in 1902. The copy was evidently prepared prior to the issue of the new set in 1915. Mr. Poole as well as the publishers of the WEEKLY will be grateful for assistance of this kind.

—"Will you kindly run the enclosed as an ad in your next issue? The stamps stolen from me were in an unopened registered envelope sent to me at Detroit by a correspondent and were in my possession only a few minutes. The letter was taken from my room while I was at supper and the envelope torn open and with all the contents missing was found in the waste paper in the hotel basement two days later. It seems that one of three or four people employed in the hotel must have got the stamps as no one else had any opportunity. All the stamps were my property. The police department has the case in charge but so far have not shown any results. Many of the rarer stamps were so marked that I could readily identify them and I sincerely hope I will have a chance to do so as the loss is a serious one for me."—ELLIOTT PERRY.

—Plainfield, N. J., has organized the Junior Philatelic Society, with Geo. C. Rockfellow as president and George Chandler secretary.

—W. H. Nicolas submits a cancellation in which is the following inscription:—"Received in package box collection." It was "made in Boston." This cancellation may have been noted from some other city.

—The issue of *Stamp Collecting* for June 30 was a number devoted to the United States in celebration of this country lining up with the Allies. It contained pictures of Messrs. Pack and Luff and was a very readable number.

—Two prominent Massachusetts philatelists are members of the state constitutional convention now in session at Boston. One is A. W. Batchelder, formerly manager of the New England Stamp Co., and the other Rev. John Luther Kilbon, formerly publisher of the *Boston Stamp Book*. Owing to his convention duties Mr. Batchelder will not be at Alexandria Bay. He will be greatly missed.

—We want a half dozen copies of Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, 1914, to complete files. We offer two foreign exchanges for each copy mailed to Beverly, Mass., in the original folds.

—The author of the Montenegro Red Cross Stamps, which appeared several months ago, has been arrested in Paris. It appears that he was the sole beneficiary. He did business under the name of Delandre, although his real name was Gaston Fontanille, sentenced previously on seven occasions for swindling committed under various names. He left prison in July, 1914. He is now returning there after having duped people for more than a million francs—it is said by French contemporaries.

—J. C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, states that A. P. Myers, El Paso, Tex., has worked off on him two bad checks and wants to know if any one else is in trouble. Write Mr. Jay direct.

—We are advised by the manager of the Edgewood Stamp Co. that the office of the company will be closed from August 5 to 19, when the office force will indulge in a vacation. Mr. Hooghkirk expresses the hope that our subscribers will overlook any apparent inattention to orders sent them during that period.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Wm. L. Hamilton, Warren C. Tudbury, Mark L. Friedeberg and M. H. Ganser.

—R. R. Eisendrath, publisher of the new *Illinois Philatelist*, announces that he will transfer to that publication all unexpired *Stamp Shopper* subscriptions notwithstanding the fact that the latter publication with all its obligations was sold to the *Westchester Philatelist*.

—The official convention program of the Southern Philatelic Association is at hand, and the committee having it in charge shows considerable enterprise. The convention will meet in the Twin Cities August 6-8 and convention headquarters will be at the Hotel Dyckman, Minneapolis.

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We desire information concerning the following items for Poole's "Philatelic Dictionary." We are about to make up the first form for printing and await such co-operation as may be extended by our readers. The items are as follows:

What is the literal translation of "Aangebragt . . . duiten" found on the Dutch Indies postage due stamps of 1845-6? Another stamp has the word "Koper" in place of "Duiten". What does it mean

What is the literal translation of the word "Armenwet" found on the Netherlands 1899-1910 set?

Give the literal translation of the inscription "Arvizkarosultaknak Kulon" found on the Hungary 1913 set.

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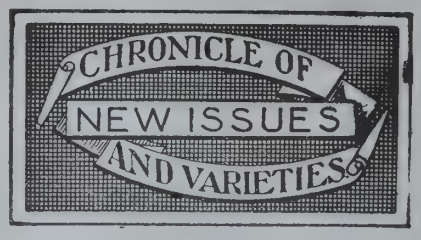
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UNITED STATES.—(1387)—Last week we had occasion to mention a 6c stamp submitted by Mr. Price, for which he entered a claim that it was a coil stamp that he had never seen before. The specimen submitted was imperforate at top and bottom and perforated 10 at the sides. It was also precancelled "Charleston, W. Va." We remarked that we had doubts as to its being a coil stamp. We now wish to prove that our doubts were correct. In the first place, the specimen submitted appeared to be cut with a knife or scissors at the bottom, the cut being not overly perfect as it would be if cut by a coiling machine, while the top was rough on the edge. Also, we have not had the experience of seeing a coil stamp with a printed precancel. We wrote to Mr. J. E. Ralph, asking what coil stamps had been issued by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and his reply confirms our doubt as to the stamp submitted by Mr. Price being from a coil.

As news of the foremost order, Mr. Ralph's letter to us discloses the fact that a coil stamp which has remained unknown and uncatalogued was issued in 1909, and we are therefore more than thankful to Mr. Price for opening a question which has disclosed such important news.

We give below the substance of Mr. Ralph's letter:

Treasury Department,
Bureau of Engraving and Printing,
Washington, D. C.,
July 24, 1917.

Mr. Percy McG. Mann,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, requesting to be furnished with the following information, viz.:

1. Please give me a list of the denominations of postage stamps issued or about to be issued in coil form and whether they are horizontally or vertically coiled or both.

A. This Bureau has issued coil stamps of the following denominations, both vertically or sidewise, and horizontally or endwise, both perforated and unperforated: 1, 2, 4 and 5-cent; and 3-cent sidewise or vertically perforated, and horizontally or endwise unperforated.

2. Especially has the six-cent stamp been issued in coil form?

A. One coil of 6-cent ordinary, 500 stamps to the coil, sidewise perforated, was issued by this Bureau on order of May 7, 1909 for the Postmaster at New York, N. Y.

Respectfully,
(Signed) J. E. RALPH,
Director.

The last paragraph of Mr. Ralph's letter startled us. It discloses the fact that the 6c stamp of the 1908 issue, watermarked outline Roman capitals, perforated 12 vertically, imperforate horizontally, was issued in coil form. It will become Scott's No. 328b. Whether any of this coil of 500 6c stamps will be located by stamp collectors, we cannot at present state, nor whether it is secretly known by some collector or dealer who has not given the information to the philatelic public. However, we should think it should be one of the philatelic rarities of the United States.

Mr. Ralph's letter also discloses the fact that Scott's No. 325c was never issued by the Bureau. This is the 3c stamp coiled vertically with perforation 12 between each stamp, i. e. perf. horizontally. The only 3c coiled vertically that has been issued, as Mr. Ralph's letter states, is an imperforate coil. Probably some of these have been perforated privately, or, as this stamp was issued in imperforate sheets, it is probable that some vertical coils were privately made from these and privately perforated and that Scott's No. 325c was listed from these.

Mr. Ralph's letter does not mention the 10c coiled stamp, known as Scott's No. 330b, although these are comparatively plentiful and quite well known to the philatelic public.

Mr. Eugene Klein has shown us a new envelope die of the current circular type. It has been submitted to Mr. J. M. Bartels, who returns it with the information that it is a new die and will be known as "Die G". The most noticeable aspect of the new die is, the inner circle at the left is very thin from a point opposite Washington's eye to the circle containing the left numeral "2", and this thinness is due to a break in the die, the rest of the circle being of normal width. The die can readily be determined by the above described peculiarity, and also by the fact that the left numeral "2" has no serif at the right end of its foot, the right numeral "2" having a serif. In "CENTS" the third stroke of the "N" is shorter than the first stroke and there is a dent in the top of the "E" at the left. In fact the letters of the entire inscription are quite irregular, the UEDSESOSGE being large and the NITTATPTA being small in "UNITED STATES POSTAGE".

Adhesive.
1909. 6c orange, imperf. x perf. 12, coil.

Envelope.
1917. 2c carmine, Die G on white.

Mr. C. P. DeKay submits for our inspection a specimen of the oval 1c green envelope stamp in which "UNITED" is minus the letter "U". On the envelope sent it requires a powerful glass to observe the least trace of the letter "U", and Mr. DeKay states that the small lot he secured shows variations in the printing. The letter sometimes shows a faint outline. The variety is an interesting one.

ABYSSINIA.—(1382)—*The London Philatelist* states that the ¼ and ½g stamps have the Commemorative overprint in violet, while the other four values have it in black.

Champion's Bulletin gives a list of the quantities of the Commemorative (though permanent) series with four line overprint as follows: ¼g, 14,250; ½g, 22,500; 4g, 45,000; 8g, 112,000 and 16g, 93,000, and states that the 2g was not surcharged. It is curious but the *London Philatelist* states that they received *six* stamps.

(1383)—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles further values with the three line overprint and, as this list does not include the 1g or 2g the above mentioned quantities may refer to this issue, although our contemporary means the four line overprinted stamps, the list is now as follows:

Adhesives.
¼g blue-green.
½g rose.
4g green and carmine.
8g vermilion and dull green.
10g vermilion and carmine.

ALBANIA.—(1386)—Dr. Henry J. Perry writes us that he has had conversation with a very well educated Albanian and that this party tells him that the word for Albania is spelled differently by the Northern and Southern Albanians. In the North it is "SHQIPENIA" and in the South it is "SHQIPERIE". So, quoting Dr. Perry's letter, apparently the late issue has used one dialect and all the previous issues have used the other, "a very peculiar condition of affairs, to say the least."

It seems that Koritza is actually occupied by the French troops under the command of Colonel Descoins and that they have promoted a Republic of Koritza, or Albania, where stamps have been issued as described in our Chronicle of June 30 (these have already been superseded, as will be shown below), while the Italians in the Northwest have established a protectorate over that part of the country. Eventually, a complete autonomy for the entire country will probably be established.

The new issue is like the one chronicled in the June 30th edition, with the inscriptions changed to read "REPUBLIKA KORCE SHQIPETARE" and is chronicled by *Champion's Bulletin.* The perforation is 11½.

Adhesives.
1c dark brown and green.
2c carmine and green.
3c gray-green and green.
10c carmine and black.
50c violet and black.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(1381)—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles one of the new issue overprinted for the Ministry of War official use, and two older stamps with overprint for Ministry of Agriculture use, but as we have no record handy of the older stamps which have been thus overprinted, our chronicle will contain only the new issue.

War Dept. Official Stamp.
5c light red, overprinted M. G.

New stationery has been issued with stamps of the current, 1917, type. *Alfred Smith & Son's Circular* states the envelopes are of white paper with gray-green patterned interior and have the embossed imprint of the Buenos Ayres Mint ("Casa de Moneda").

Envelopes.
5c claret on white (153x121 mm.)
12c blue on white.

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½c claret on manila (276x111 mm.)
1c blue on manila.
2c chocolate on manila.
4c gray-green on manila.

Postal Cards.
4c purple on cream (133x82 mm.).
5c blue on cream.
5c+5c blue (reply).

Letter Card.
5c claret (139x85 mm.), perf. DD.

BELGIAN EAST AFRICA.—(1386)—*The Philatelic Journal of G. B.* lists the 40c Congo stamp overprinted "URUNDI"—or as they have it "URANDI", which is it?

BRAZIL.—(1373)—*Alfred Smith & Son's Circular* states that the star on the flag in the Commemorative stamp recently issued, signifies the five States; the sun the new era of Liberty; and the red cross on a white ground, Fraternity. See also description in our issue of June 9th, under the heading of New Issue Notes.

CANADA.—(1387)—We thank Mr. O. Kendall for a copy of the Confederation Commemorative card mentioned in our Chronicle of last week. It is the regulation card with 2c stamp of the King George design, with the usual inscription in black, and in addition the follow-

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CEYLON.—*The London Philatelist* publishes the following: "Dr. E. G. Frederick has shown us a used copy of the *Five Cents on* 24c, *green,* of 1885, but we were astonished to find that it is printed on the Crown *CA* watermarked paper. It is undoubtedly genuine, and a very interesting discovery. The normal stamp on the *CC* paper is by no means common used, and it is rare unused. Search for the *green CA variety* may meet with reward."

CHINA.—*(Offices in Turkestan)*—The *Echo de la Timbrologie* mentions a variety of the $1 with red surcharge in which the 2nd Chinese character is replaced with the 3rd and vice versa. Our contemporary does not know whether the variety occurs once or more in the sheet or with the entire sheet thus overprinted.

DANISH WEST INDIES—(1381)—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List* states that in their May issue they reported the loss of a parcel of stamps of the new Christian X. issue on its way to the West Indies, but a small stock was left behind in Denmark, and in consequence of the acquisition of the islands by the United States these stamps were not required and they have been put on sale at Copenhagen, and that they have no information as to number, but that they were quickly sold out. This firm secured 500 sets.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Two special delivery stamps are being prepared for this country, according to *Champion's Bulletin.* A 5c will be for special delivery letters within a city, while a 10c will be for the same purpose from one city to another within the country.

FRANCE.—The *Echo de la Timbrologie* has had submitted to it by M. Gionanetti three interesting varieties of the 1900 issue; one is the 1c with a double impression, one three mm. distant from the other; the second is the same value with impression of the 2c exactly placed over it; the third is the 30c with double impression of the numerals of value, so placed that they read "330" the second impression so placed that the "0" is on the first impressed "3".

(Offices in China).—Alfred Smith & Son's Circular states that Scott's No. 864c, 6c on 15c, has only lately been actually issued.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—A new postal card is reported by *Alfred Smith & Son's Circular.* It is of the usual type, same as adhesives, with, we believe, overprint of "Protectorat Francais" and Arabic wording.

Postal Card.
10c (on 10c) rose.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*(Offices in the Levant)*—In the recent issue at Salonika there was an error of the 3d in which the surcharge "Levant" was spelt "tnaveL", so we glean from *L'Echo de la Timbrologie.*

GREECE.—(1372)—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. are told unofficially that under the new regime, the recently issued Venezelist stamps may be surcharged.

Alfred Smith & Son's Circular publishes the following: "Writing on April 30th, a Salonika correspondent's letter was franked with ordinary (unsurcharged) Greek stamps, but he stated that the 5 and 10l of the new Provisional Government issue were already in circulation, that the 1 lepton and (*sic*) 1dr stamps would probably be issued in a few days and that the higher values would follow later."

(1387)—*Champion's Bulletin* gives a list of the War Tax stamps now in use, two values of which we have already chronicled. The 1l surcharge is given as "K. P. leptov 1" in three lines and our surmise that a new spelling of the currency was in vogue is evidently correct; the singular is "leptov" and the plural is "lepton" the "o" in this latter word being the short o, vice "lepton" (long o) and "lepta" respectively. All the surcharges are on the 1901 issue and the list now stands as follows, the numbers following the description being Scott's numbers which have been surcharged.

War Tax Stamps.
1l on 1l reddish-brown (165).
1l on 3l orange (167).
5l on 1l reddish-brown (165).
5l on 20l red-lilac (170).
10l on 30l dull violet (172).
30l on 30l dull violet (172).
1l on 80l blue fiscal stamp.

(1372)—*Stamp Collecting* mentions a variety of the 1l Venezelist issue, chronicled on April 14, in which the "ER" (EP) of "KIVERNISIS" is joined. This was offered in an advertisement by Mr. Stavridi, who stated that it occurred in the second printing and is the only variety in the sheet.

HONG KONG.—(1366)—The $5 stamp mentioned in our Chronicle of March 3rd has now been issued; it is on highly surfaced paper in deep black instead of gray-black. Mr. Roberts has shown it to *The London Philatelist.*

Adhesive.
$5 black on light-green.

HUNGARY.—(1381)—Mr. Eugene Klein shows us the commemorative postmark used in connection of the Coronation of King Charles IV, last December. It is contained within a plain circle, 27½ mm. in diameter, with "IV. Karoly Kiraly Koronazasa Napjan" conforming to the circle at the top; just below this is the Hungarian crown; then the date "1916 DEC 30" in a fancy tablet, below which is "BUDAPEST" curving upwards, and at the bottom "4.D" which probably stands for the time, i. e. four o'clock in the afternoon. The inscription is translated by Mr. Klein to read: "On the day of King Charles IV. Coronation."

ITALY.—(1383)—An aeroplane mail service is about to be undertaken between Sardinia and Italy and maintained permanently, and special stamps may be employed, and no doubt will, similar to those recently used for the service between Turin and Rome. On the other hand, a new aerial mail stamp was issued for the service undertaken June 28, between Naples and Palermo. A Special Delivery stamp of the value of 40c, something like the type of the 30c used for the same purpose, was overprinted:

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Aerial-Postage Stamp.
25c on 40c lilac.

(Offices in the Levant).—(1382)—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the 20c orange of the 1901 issue of Italy overprinted "Rodi", and we are now wondering if the recently issued stamp of that value but new type has been overprinted "Rodi" as we chronicled on the authority of another contemporary in our issue of June 23rd. We would like to see either or both stamps, if they exist.

KIONGA.—The *Echo de la Timbrologie* gives the quantities of the stamps issued for this colony last September, as follows: ½c on 100r, 20,641; 1c on 100r, 20,625; 2½c on 100r, 21,265; 5c on 100r, 20,625.

LIBERIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles new provisional stamps for this country. The 25c green of 1896 has been overprinted "FOUR CENTS" reading up, one word at either side, "1917" towards the top between, and large solid squares in either corner. And the 30c Official stamp of 1906 has been overprinted "FIVE CENTS" reading up, one word at either side, and "1917" towards the top, the centre being barred with two large numerals "1" in the form of a figure "11" lying down with the tops to the left.

Provisional Adhesive.
4c on 25c green.
Provisional Official.
5c on 30c dark brown.

LIECHTENSTEIN.—(1378)—*Alfred Smith & Son's Circular* gives the colors of the two new stamps chronicled in our issue of May 26th.

Adhesives.
2h violet.
15h red.

MARTINIQUE.—*Le Timbre-Poste* chronicles a 15c+5c Red Cross stamp for this colony, but as it does not state exactly what stamp has been thus surcharged, we withhold the listing of it until we have further information.

MEXICO.—(1387)—We have a most interesting letter from Mr. T. H. Vaughn, who shows us a complete series of the current Mexican stamps, the lower values rouletted, as given in the Chronicle last week, and the values 40c and up perforated. Mr. Vaughn writes: "These stamps are known officially as the new issue January 1st, 1917, and were authorized in Circular No. 79, dated Mexico, 27th November, 1916, issued by

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303, 2c scarlet, 6c; 304, 4c red brown,	.06
308, 1c blue, 2c; 309, 2c blue,	.02½
311, 5c blue, 5c; 312, 10c blue,	.10
315, 1911-12 1c brown, scarce one,	.18
341-2-3, 1913, ½, 1 & 2c the three,	.04½

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the 'Direccion General de Correos, Mexico—Almacen de Timbres' and signed by the present postmaster general Senor Cosme Hinojosa. In the above quoted circular they are officially described as follows: 1 cent lilac, bust of General Zaragosa; 2 cent green, General Ildefonso Vasquez; 3 cent sepia, Lic. Jose Maria Pino Suarez; 4c red, General Jesus Carranza; 5c light blue, General Maclovio Herrera; 10c dark blue, C. Francisco I. Madero; 20c pale crimson lake (guinda claro), Dr. Belisario Dominguez; 30c dark brown (café obscuro), C. Aquiles Serdan; 40c mauve (morado) Map of the Mexican Republic; $1.00 blue and black, Lighthouse Building, Vera Cruz, Ver.; $5.00 green and black, Postoffice Building, Mexico, D. F.

"Of the portraits on the stamps some are historically interesting. I do not know anything about the heroes who decorate the 1 and 2 cent stamps with their features. The bust on the 3c is that of José Maria Suarez, Vice-president with Francisco I. Madero, whose features are portrayed on the 10c, and who was killed with him in February, 1913. The Jesus Carranza on the 4c is brother of the present President of Mexico, Venustiano Carranza, and was killed during the present revolution on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The Belisario Dominguez on the 20c was a Senator during the Huerta regime and made a speech in the Mexican Senate denouncing Huerta. He was arrested and disappeared and is popularly supposed to have had his tongue torn out by the roots by Huerta's orders. Aquiles Serdan was one of the first revolutionists of the present turmoil and was shot in Puebla. He barricaded his house and resisted arrest and was shot down by the police when they rushed his house."

The colors of these stamps which we set forth last week are more nearly the proper description than that given in the official circular mentioned by Mr. Vaughn. The 30c described as dark brown in the circular is certainly away off the track, as those we have seen are gray-lilac or lilac-gray. The spellings of the names are on the stamps, exactly as given in the list last week; perhaps some of the z's are s's backwards.

MONTENEGRO. — (1385) — *Le Timbre-Poste* states that the author of the Montenegrin Red Cross stamps, which have proved to be a speculative private issue, has been arrested. Seven months condemned for swindling, Delandre, whose real name is Gaston Fontanille, swindled those who were foolish enough to buy the stamps, out of several thousand francs.

NETHERLAND.—(1375)—*Alfred Smith & Son's Circular* publishes the following, but as we have mislaid our copy of their publication containing the page 1 they refer to, we cannot figure out which postcards they refer to, except that their information must include all three of the divided face cards which we chronicled in our May 5th issue and another card as yet unchronicled by us:

"Each of the four postcards chronicled on page 1 is issued in two varieties, (*a*) with 'Aan' below the stamp and address-side divided; and (*b*) with 'Aan' below arms and bottom portion only of address-side divided."

REUNION.—M. Pavoille shows *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* a copy of the 15c on 20c, Scott's No. 33, with a line beneath the "15", thus —.

RUSSIA.—(1365)—Mr. H. S. Levy shows us Scott's No. 80 surcharged new value. The surcharge is "K.20K.", and is therefore different than the 10k on 7k, which shows the surcharge as "Kop. 10 Kop." The list of these provisional surcharges is as follows, the numbers following the stamps being Scott's surcharged:

Adhesives.
10k on 7k blue (78).
20k on 14k blue and rose (80).
10k on 7k brown (92).
a. Inverted surcharge.
b. Pair, one without surcharge.
20k on 14k blue-green (94).

(1385)—The stamps recently issued imperforate are the four lowest values of Scott's type A14, and it is said that they were issued in this condition owing to a break down of the perforating machine, but Mr. A. Scheindling writes to the *London Philatelist* that they are not errors or waste but common stamps, and were sold openly as such at various post offices, being issued imperforate on account of the overrush of work at the State Printing Office during the early days of the Republic when the 5k was thus turned out imperforate. Seeing that the post office department did not object to the imperforate stamps, the lower values were issued in that condition also. The authority states that the 5k was prepared for use by soldiers who had previously been allowed to send their letters free. The privilege being abused a resolution was brought up in the Duma to charge the soldiers 5k for their letters, but before the resolution became effective it was withdrawn by the Republican Government, and the stamps were left on the hands of the printers who issued them to the new government in an imperforate condition.

Mr. Scheindling also writes to our London contemporary that he has an entire sheet of the 10k on 7k brown Romanoff stamp with the surcharge inverted at the top, also some sheets where the surcharge is so misplaced that three copies in the sheet are entirely without surcharge. These varieties we add to our list above.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie states that the 5 rubles stamp is about to be issued on ordinary paper with the latticed varnish lines overprinted on the stamps, and the 10 rubles will probably follow, thus manufactured. Before these appear, however, we may have new Republic of Russia stamps.

Our list of the imperforate stamps recently issued should be as follows:

Adhesives. (Imperf.)
1k orange.
2k green.
3k red.
5k lilac-rose.

(*Offices in China*).—*The London Philatelist* lists on the authority of Mr. Scheindling values of the new CENTS and DOLLARS issue, which we have never mentioned in this Chronicle. The numbers following the stamps listed are those of Scott's surcharged:

Adhesives.
15c on 15k lilac and blue (81).
70c on 70k brown and orange (86).
1d on 1r brown and orange (87).
7d on 7r black and yellow (68).

SPAIN.—*Alfred Smith & Son's Circular* publishes the following: "We have a wrapper, presumably stamped to order. It bears a typographed stamp of 10c of the current type and above this is the number 'A.0064391' printed in the color of the stamp itself."

We have received this wrapper on a Spanish philatelic publication.

Wrapper.
10c rose on manila.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—(1384)—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List* states that 240,000 each of the ½d and 1d War Tax stamps, chronicled in our issue of July 7th, were issued. This is the same quantity of each as the total of the earlier issue.

TURKEY.—*The Philatelic Gazette* lists on the authority of the U. P. U. distribution, new stamps, and we quote: "New and very fancy designs. 2 para, large oblong stamp, very ornate frame with oval picture of field gun in action. 20 para, large rectangular stamp, frame design of Mosque entrance, central picture of a monument. 1 piastre, medium size oblong stamp, very ornate frame with portrait of Sultan at right, central picture of map. 2 piastres, large oblong stamp, fancy design frame, central picture a harbor view. 25 piastres, large rectangular stamp, frame design of Mosque entrance, central picture of soldier and large shell, Turkish flag to left. The 2 and 20 paras and 2 piastres are surface-printed, the 1 and 25 piastres are engraved. No Watermark. Perforated 12½."

Adhesives.
2pa peacock-blue.
20pa bright rose.
1pi blue-violet.
2pi yellow-brown and blue-black.
25pi carmine on straw.

WURTEMBERG.—*The Philatelic Gazette* chronicles on the authority of the U. P. U. distribution a new postal card for the Local Traffic. It bears the inscription "Deutsches Reich."

Local Traffic Postal Card.
5½pf green (on buff?).

(1360)—The same publication gives the lists of recently issued Commemorative Official stamps, as noted in our Chronicle of January 20th, and as we have not submitted the colors, we now do so as follows, the stamps being on unwatermarked paper, perforated 14:

"Staatsmarke" Official Stamps.
2½pf gray.
7½pf orange.
10pf bright rose.
15pf yellow-brown.
20pf bright blue.
25pf black-brown.
30pf green.
40pf lilac-rose.
50pf red-brown.
1mk dull red-violet.

"Bezirksmarke" Official Stamps.
Perforated 14½x14.
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II 5d on multiple CA wmk. ..... .20
French Oceanica 1915, E.F.O. 10c ..... .30
Italy, Air Post 1917, Turin-Rome, 25c .14
Hydroplane, Naples-Palermo, 25c on 40c ..... .14
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Edwardian Series.

(I am indebted for information regarding the Edwardian issues to the lecture read by King George V when Prince of Wales at a meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, March 4, 1914.—Author's Note.)

The death of Queen Victoria, January 22, 1901, strangely enough the first month of the new century, made an apt period for the conclusion of the Victorian Era and over sixty years of national advance in science, art, government and —penny postage.

So early as the month following the great Queen's death, many rumors as to the change in the postage stamps were essayed.

For several centuries it has been a rule that the present monarch of Great Britain and Ireland should have his profile presented on the currency of the realm facing the opposite direction to his predecessor.

As example, Queen Victoria faced towards the left on the coinage, King Edward VII towards the right, and King George V towards the left.

The postage stamps of Queen Victoria faced towards the right, would therefore the postage stamps of Edward VII follow the precedent of the coinage? There was no precedent for stamps, and it was held at the time that postage stamps were practically currency.

The government contractors submitted four designs for the one penny stamps *with the head of Edward VII looking to the right* and another four of the same designs with the head facing the left.

These were submitted to Edward VII for his selection, and he chose the design which was eventually adopted, with the profile to the left.

So early as March 11, 1901, and in reply to that great champion of Penny Postage, the late Sir John Henniker Heaton, the Secretary to the Treasury in the House of Commons stated that stamps were already in preparation, but some months must elapse before they could be ready for the public use. In that reply the Secretary to the Treasury added that it was not proposed to alter the color of the 1p stamp from mauve to red. It was then pointed out that such a change was necessary to conform with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union.

No more was heard of the projected issue until the question was asked Mr. Ansten Chamberlain in the House of Commons, May 24, 1901, whether the Treasury had entrusted the designing of the new stamps to a foreign artist, and whether no British sculptor was competent for the work.

He replied that the King had selected a profile portrait of himself made the previous year by an Austrian sculptor domiciled in London, but that it was not inferred that no British Artist was competent for the work.

The artist referred to was an Austrian, Emil Fuchs, who probably got into hot water sometime afterwards on the discovery of a certain feature in his portrait of Edward VII, which I will refer to later.

A further question was asked June 7, 1901, as to whether the advice of the President of the Royal Academy or other distinguished artist had been consulted with regard to the new stamps.

The reply was in the negative and that the Postmaster General was the responsible official. He had consulted the views of the King, and that it did not appear necessary to seek further advice!

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142	4c yellow 1903, fine	.09	.07
152	12c buff, 1908, mint	.37	..
176	5c brown & black, 1911, fine	.08	.09
201	1p blue & rose, 1912, fine	..	.20
204	20p blue, 1912, initialed	..	.40

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31	20c gray, 1883, fine	.12	.02
45	5c or 30c, rose, 1900	.05	.03
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109	1p green and black, 1911	..	.07
121	40c violet & black, 1912	..	.05
123	60c blue & black, 1912	..	.07

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14	40a green, 1876, fine	..	.85
15	3a orange, 1882, fine	.10	.04
18	40a violet, 1882, fine	.30	.10
26	5a green, 1897, fine	.08	.02
30	4a rose & gray, 1900, scarce	.10	.07
34-44	3a to 1k, 1902, complete	..	1.10
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This famous essay is now in the collection of King George V, his second son.

It is believed that Queen Alexandra also suggested a slight reduction in the width of the wreath upholding the Monarch's portrait.

Some half dozen proofs of the 1p value were prepared in various shades of pink, lake and red, and two of mauve and purple on red paper, and the red was ultimately selected.

It was decided to issue the stamps for public sale January 1, 1902, but four values of a unified design, the ½p, 1p, 2½p and 6p were registered ready for use in 1901—the following being the dates of registration at Somerset House:

½p deep green, September 26, 1901.
1p scarlet red, October 16, 1901.
2½p deep blue, December 3, 1901.
6p deep purple, December 3, 1901.

In a post office circular of Christmas, 1901, Postmasters were ordered to make a requisition for the new stamps "not exceeding a fortnight's supply," but were specially urged to endeavor to dispose of the old stocks. Attention was also specially directed towards the color of the new 6p as likely to be confused with the then current 1 penny stamp.

Early in 1902, owing to the peculiar position of a postmark on a penny stamp, I detected a peculiar feature in the make-up of the King's portrait—that of a woman skilfully worked into the features.

I forwarded the stamp to King Edward's Private Secretary drawing his attention to the feature. He replied stating that he was commanded by the King to thank me for drawing his attention to the design in which he was much interested. The "lady" has since been often "discovered" by others, and will be found on every British and British Colonial stamp bearing the portrait of Edward VII, excepting of course those of Canada, Newfoundland, Australia and New Zealand since these were not designed by Fuchs.

The "lady" is seen as follows:—The eyebrow represents her hat, the eye her head, the shading of the nose and the shading of the cheek bone her arms apparently adjusting the hat, the white shading of the cheek her body, and the moustache the body draperies.

It would be interesting to know if this feature was executed with "malice aforethought."

For the other values of the series the old border designs were used slightly adapted to embody the Royal Crown above the King's portrait.





They made their appearance as required by the demand. One value was not considered necessary, the 4½p, though why it should be thought no longer of use is puzzling as a registered letter abroad required a 4½p stamp (2½p for postage, and 2p the British rate of registration).

In the four high values the check corner lettering was dropped as useless, and also thereby improving the appearance of the design.



The ½p stamp in its issued shade was not long in existence owing to its confusion in artificial light with the 2½p. I remember several times receiving cards and letters bearing 2½p stamps in place of the ½p.

The heavy use of the 4p value led to its being printed in one color in 1909 for economy's sake, and just previous to the death of Edward VII it was decided to likewise treat the 2p stamp in a similar manner. This latter was prepared but never issued, though a copy was used from a Strand, London, Post Office on a letter to the present King George.

Two days before the death of the great Royal Diplomat and founder of the "Entente Cordiale," an entirely new value made its appearance in the 7p.

By a strange and weird coincidence, the color was gray-black, a foreboding of the great loss Britain and France would experience before the week was out! Probably no British stamp was more in demand and more speculated in throughout the world than the 7d "mourning stamp." Many persons who were not stamp collectors imagined it would certainly become a rarity!

The paper for the British stamps for many years had been made by the firm of Turner & Co., of Chafford Mills, Lordcombe, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and was pulped from cuttings of Irish linen.

In the early years of Edward VII's reign several prosecutions had taken place, both in Britain and the Colonies, for fraud in cleaning cancellations. After trials to meet this attack upon the revenue, a paper possessing a chalky surface was selected, which prevented tampering at all with the stamp. The 1½p, 2p, 3p, 4p, 5p, 6p, 9p, 10p, 1 shilling and 2sh 6p values were printed on this "safety" paper, but before it was actually put in use reports were made by the Crown Agents of Straits Settlements and Hong Kong that many cases of cleaning the new "safety" paper had been detected in those colonies. In many cases the stamps were not tampered with at all by man, even though he happened to be the accessory before the act. It was discovered that the sun's rays would destroy such aniline colors as violet, etc. For obvious reasons and probably chiefly on account of the "soft" cancellations applied to stamps used on parcels, the chalky paper, for home use at any rate, was dropped as not satisfactory. It has also been said that the rubbing of the stamps against the pages of the post office stock books gave the appearance of having been tampered with.

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4p brown-orange. November 1, 1909.
4p orange.
5p dull purple and blue. May 14, 1902.
6p deep purple. January 1, 1902.
7p gray-black. May 4, 1910.
7p deep gray-black.
9p dull purple and blue. April 7, 1902.
10p dull purple and scarlet. July 3, 1902.
10p dull purple and carmine.
1sh green and scarlet. March 24, 1902.
1sh green and carmine.
2sh 6p dull purple. April 5, 1902.
2sh 6p deep lilac.
5sh carmine. April 5, 1902.
5sh deep carmine.
10sh ultramarine. April 5, 1902.
£1 green. July 16, 1902.

Prepared for Use But Not Issued.
2p deep purple.

Same on Chalk Surfaced Paper.
1½p, 2p, 3p, 4p, 5p, 6p, 9p, 10p, 1s, 2s 6d.

In 1910, after several debates in the House of Commons it was decided for the first time for thirty years to put the expiring contracts for the postage stamp printing out for competitive tenders. For no fewer than fifty-five years had the firm of Messrs. de la Rue manufactured the surface printed issues of Great Britain and for thirty years held the monopoly.

Various great stamp making firms tendered, and the contract was let to the firm of Harrison & Son of London, at a great reduction on the old contract.

This firm, however, could not immediately take upon itself the task of setting down machinery to cope with the enormous quantity of stamps required by such a great commercial nation, so it was for a time decided to print the two-colored values and the 6p at the great government department, Somerset House, Strand, London.

The new contracting firm took over the plates, and part of the machinery of de la Rue's. Among the new machinery installed was a perforating machine that gauged 14½-15x14 in the comb. One of the stamps printed by this firm in aniline pink (1 penny) and perforated 14½-15x14 is extremely scarce. All the Harrison printings and all the Somerset House printings with the exception of a few 6p stamps are on ordinary paper.

They are fairly easy to detect from the earlier de la Rue printings on ordinary paper, by vividness of color, rough and blotchy impression. In the unused specimens the gum is very thin and streaky, and barely adhesive.

1911.—Printed by Harrison & Son.
½p dull green, perf. 14.
½p dull green, perf. 14½-15x14.
½p bright green, perf. 14.
1p rose-red, perf. 14.
1p rose-red, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p rose-carmine, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p aniline pink, perf. 14.
2½p bright blue, perf. 14.
2½p bright blue, perf. 14½-15x14.
3p dull purple on yellow, perf. 14.
3p dull purple on yellow, perf. 14½-15x14.
4p bright orange, perf. 14.

1911-2. Printed at Somerset House. Perf. 14.
1½p deep purple and green.
2p dull green and scarlet.
5p deep purple and bright blue.
6p bright plum purple.
6p bright plum purple on chalky.
6p deep plum purple.
6p deep plum purple on chalky.
6p dull purple.
7p slate gray.
9p deep purple and bright blue.
10p deep purple and scarlet.
10p deep purple and pink.
1sh deep green and scarlet.
1sh green and carmine.
2sh 6p deep lilac.
2sh 6p deep reddish lilac.
5sh bright carmine.
10sh bright ultramarine.
£1 (20sh) deep bright green.

NUMERICAL CATALOGUE REARRANGEMENT.

By Rev. L. Meister, Aberdeen, Miss.

I believe you would render a great service to both collectors and dealers if you made a strong move toward revising the enumeration of stamps in the coming Scott's catalogue. The catalogue pretends to enumerate the stamps strictly chronologically, but the collector feeds his eyes rather on a nice arrangement, putting together what beiongs together. And the dealer has so much trouble when there is a constant interruption of the running numbers. I think if you would bring my suggestions before the philatelic public, there would be a general approval. I therefore enclose what would be my idea concerning some British Colonies.

Suggestions.

Antigua: No. 35 ought to take its place after No. 38.

Bahamas: Let the 20th Century begin with: No. 33, 1d Edw., etc.; No. 40, 1d pictorial, CC, etc.; No. 47, 6d Edw. multiple; No. 48, ½d Geo., etc.; No. 56, 1d pictorial C & CC (still in use); No. 57, 3d pictorial C & CC; No. 58, 5d pictorial C & CC; No. 59, 2sh pictorial C & CC.

Barbados: After No. 92 put No. 93, 2½; No. 94, 6d; No. 95, 8d, etc.

Br. Guiana: No. 154a ought to be 155, 1c gray green; No. 156, 2c lilac and rose, etc.; No. 161, 1c gray green; *a* green; No. 162, 2c; No. 163, 4c, etc. No. 173 hardly deserves a special number.

Cayman: No. 40, 1s green, etc.; No. 43, 5sh; No. 44, 10sh; No. 45, 3d surface; No. 46, 1sh surface; No. 47, 10sh surface.

Dominica: No. 42, 2sh; No. 43, 2sh 6d.

Grenada: No. 74, 1sh green mult.; No. 75, 2sh; No. 76, 5sh; No. 77, 1sh single; No. 78, 10sh single.

Jamaica will look much better if arranged as follows: No. 35, 2½ single; No. 36, 5d single; No. 37, 3 olive; No. 38, 4 orange-brown; No. 39, 6d orange; No. 40, 1sh brown; No. 41, 2sh red-brown; No. 42, ½ arms mult.; No. 43, 1d arms mult.; No. 44, 2½ arms mult.; No. 45, 5 arms mult.; No. 46, 6d arms mult.; No. 47, 5sh arms mult.; No. 48, ½ green (No. 50); No. 49, 1 scarlet; No. 50, 2½ ultra.; No. 51, 3d violet on yellow; No. 52, 4d black on yellow; No. 53, 4d red on yellow; No. 54, 6d violet, etc.

Montserrat: There is a ½d, as in case of 1c Br. Guiana, 1c Br. Honduras, Dominica and Trinidad, which was first issued in two green colors, one being in fugitive ink; afterwards it was printed in one solid ink. These stamps ought to be treated in the same way.

St. Kitts: No. 73, 2½ ultra. and black; No. 74, green; No. 75, 1d carmine, *a* scarlet; No. 76, 2d brown, etc.

St. Lucia: No. 43, 2d pictorial; No. 44, ½d Edw. single, etc. No. 74 to be placed after the 2d gray.

St. Vincent: No. 83, 6d, etc.

Trinidad: No. 91, ½d gray green; *a* ½ green; No. 92, 1d; No. 93, 2½; No. 94, 6d, etc.

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EDITORIAL.

Abroad—We have seen letters from the American Expeditionary Force and find different postal impressions on them. The censor mark is in postmark form, with American eagle, surrounded by "Passed as Censored, A. E. F." One postmark reads: "Tresor et Postes," with number.

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Bypaths—An interesting batch of covers has been received from Mr. C. F. Richards of New York City, the majority of which are addressed to Mr. Richards' grandfather, who was a York State farmer. A right vertical half of the two cent brown, 1870, is on an envelope that is addressed to Belden Richards, Brewsters, N. Y., and it has the legitimate appearance of the two cent brown, 1869, that was used halved on cover in several sections of the country, as evidently it was a drop letter. One cover, postmarked in red, "Sent,Feb.8,D.L.P. O." has the frank in the upper right corner in three lines, "Post Office Department—Return Letter Office—Free." A letter, 1887 date, with the two cent brown red, sent from Lenoir, N. C., to a firm in New York City, has on the left end of cover two impressions in black, "Paid 5" in frame with flattened corners, and "Lenoir,N.5.C.,Paid," as of the design of the Lenoir Confederate provisional envelope. We cannot say that these impressions are from the old dies revamped as in the case of the Autaguaville locals. Mr. Richards has a memento in the shape of a letter sent to him by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer in 1887 bearing the label of the "Return Letter Association," Chicago, as a return card.

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Cool—Here is a bit of coolness that is refreshing these torrid days. An approval selection was returned to a dealer who perceived at once that he had been victimized by a bungling piece of substitution. The dealer, easy-going as he was, could not wink at the brazen effrontery of the culprit, and so he demanded restitution. He received a remittance and a confession, the purloiner writing airily that he did not think that his changing of the stamps "made any material difference."

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Thanks—A friendly subscriber extends a helping hand. He says: "I know that you perspire freely during the dog days but in several ways this may save a bead or two. A drop 'transpiration' fell on the immaculate front of a $2 white back Straits. I blotted it off, but where the sweat of my brow impinged on the stamp, the color is changed to a sickly blue. Some chemical reaction which shows that sweat has an acid effect."

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Sad—Quoth a moralist: "If I had not been too precipitate I would have saved the price of a Palm Beach suit in buying my errors. If my wife learns of the debacle I shall soon be paying alimony. There is such a thing as being too dinged forehanded. Yet, though they played me false, I still love my little errors. No, you will not see me at the convention this year." Yes, one can crowd up too far. We remember how a man with a pot of money wanted our advice in 1899 on the advisability of buying up all the government reprinted set of newspaper stamps at five dollars each as a speculation. He had seen a pushing crowd a block long besieging the post office on the morning the sets were first offered for sale and argued that all the stamp and other folks were crazy for the sets. He took our advice not to deprive the poor collectors of the boon of annexing their beloved sets, and he has been happy ever since.

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More—Asks a gent sarcastical: "Why don't you say something of those errors? Why ignore them so completely in your columns." That is all right, but if our ungentle reader had to eat errors, breathe them, sleep with them and hear nothing but talk of them from dozens of correspondents and verbal bombarders, he would want to get them out of his system. We have seen errors by the hundreds in an atmosphere surcharged with thousands of them, but we wish merely to remark that some of the chaps that sold "short" are beginning to wear a somewhat worried look. "Wait until the demand for the errors becomes international," adds a soft voice at our side. We may add that over thirty-five hundred errors were returned to Washington from the Chicago office; and that we have not seen the imperforate sheets of the errors which have been reported.

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Marked—Here is a red impression of English origin on a letter sent from England to "Mr. J. Doggett, Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois," in 1858, and returned to the writer: Sent back to England—Without a reason—For non-delivery. The letter, nevertheless, bears the "Advertised" postmark of Chicago, as the explanation for the return of the letter.

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Patriots—We have been greatly impressed by the letters from subscribers telling of their enlistment in the army or navy and from others who have been drafted. We should like to publish the names of those who for some time will be removed from their wonted philatelic activities and those who write us hereafter are requested to grant the desired permission.

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Answer—For some time past we have commented occasionally on the singularly interesting and authoritative articles on stamp collecting in the more important newspapers of the country, and in some instances we have reproduced them as a sample of the philatelic stuff that we liked to see in the outside press. A friend now takes us into his confidence and we feel a glow of satisfaction upon learning of the intelligent procedure of a syndicate of dealers and others who we hope will gain the reward of their well-timed and admirably conceived enterprise. We shall have more to say on this subject, which is a big one, and the scribe, and in the meantime, we say, speed the work; and in words of one syllable, More push to his pen. We congratulate the purveyor of the articles, who is a man who knows his business and has a fine sense of what managing editors want; and we applaud the organization which has made possible the circulation of readable news of philatelic character in this effective way. A plan has finally been put in successful operation, for the time being at least, that should benefit all who are interested in stamp collecting.

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Home—A philatelist who took a trip through some of the South American countries recently was hopeful that he could pick up some of the early issues for a song and realize on them profitably in this country. He now says that the next time his business calls him there he will buy up early issues of the South American countries here and sell them in the countries aforesaid and make a bit of money "on the side." This conclusion is a common one and is evidence that the stamps of a country are apt to be best regarded in that country.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

From the George W. Linn Company, Columbus, Ohio, we have received an early copy of "The War Stamps of Mexico," by George Ward Linn, an enthusiastic partizan of the issues in question; and we thank the publishers for the privilege of giving an early notice of the book, which has been awaited with interest. It is not necessary to introduce the writer, who from the first has been a consistent advocate of the revolutionary stamps of Mexico; and moreover, his studies of them were pursued from advantageous ground. His influence has always been exerted in favor of the genuine issues, and he was not slow to condemn the guerilla varieties. Mr. Linn does not excuse the irregular issues, but explains how they came to pass, and the effect of his frankness inclines the collector who has not seriously regarded the stamps to favor them as a whole. Mr. Linn attributes the spurious stamps to the turmoil of the times that gave rein to petty grafters who had their fleeting day as postal manipulators. Yet the fraudulent issues are easily segregated and placed in the black book by the collector who follows Mr. Linn's description.

"The War Stamps of Mexico," by George Ward Linn, is a book of about one hundred pages in heavy overhanging paper covers that turns the white light of publicity on the issues from first to last, and to our mind the sincerity of the author's findings is not to be questioned. While we cannot attempt a critical analysis of these issues, yet it is apparent that the majority of them have all postal legitimacy, and the sins of the black sheep should not be visited on the varieties that are beyond reproach. We remember how the first two issues, which have become scarce, were priced absurdly low for a time, a fact that would indicate that no individual profited through them or tried to do so. Mr. Linn has done a practical work in listing the stamps with enough descriptive matter to give the reader who would never dig out the facts for himself an understanding of the whole range of issues. The complexities that beset the ordinary collector in considering the stamps are reduced to the easiest factor, and a broad path has been made for easy traveling. With the book at hand one may collect the war stamps of Mexico with a feeling of assurance. Illustrations in liberal number abound, and the production is typographically splendid, a characteristic of this publishing house. The price of this excellent monograph is seventy-five cents; George Ward Linn Company, Columbus, Ohio.

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August 21st, 3.30 P. M.—**United States** 1847 to 1869
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SIMPLIFIED UNITED STATES.

By HUBERT LYMAN CLARK.

Ever since I began collecting used blocks, the question of what I should include and what I should neglect in United States stamps has been a real annoyance and has greatly detracted from the pleasure of collecting the stamps of our own country. The recent alterations in the perforation of the current issue has brought the matter to a head, and I have decided that if I am to enjoy my United States blocks at all, I must have a simplified list of the different stamps Uncle Sam has issued. Of course those who specialize in United States, and even general collectors of single stamps, want to gather all the varieties that can be distinguished, and grilles, papers and perforations are matters of real importance to them. But those of us who collect used pairs, strips or blocks, or stamps on the original cover, must have a list of the actually different stamps that have been used. In the belief that such a list will be welcomed by many, I offer the following, which I have worked out for my own use.

Obviously the one problem in making such a list is to fix on a standard which shall be simple, easily understood and capable of being consistently applied. Since stamps (at least in the United States) are issued primarily for the use of the general public, the ability of that public to distinguish the different kinds, without magnifying glass or millimeter scale, seems to me a natural standard to use. Obviously then, varieties of perforation and of paper, watermarks, grilles and even secret marks, must be left out of account. The treatment to accord imperforate stamps is more doubtful, and I may be accused of inconsistency here, but it seems to me the stamps in use from 1851 to 1857 are on a different footing from those which have been issued since 1860. All imperforate stamps of a later date are simply issued in an incomplete condition, have not been intentionally sold at post offices to the general public, and are really only minor varieties of stamps current at the same time in a perforated condition. As for the matter of color, I collect only the single fundamental color, regardless of shades. Of course we shall all collect *shades* more or less extensively, according to our tastes; when we see a stamp which *looks* to us a different color from the one we have, we shall probably keep it, but except in a list for specialists or in a critical study of some one issue, it seems to me unwise to try and list such shades.

Here, then, is my list, for those to whom such a list will be of service. It includes *only* stamps issued to *prepay* actual transportation of mail matter.

1847, Imperf. "Post Office," 5, 10c.
1851-6, "U. S. Postage" at top. 1, 3, 5, 10, 12c.
1857-60, Perf: Designs of 1851-6. 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 24, 30, 90c.
1861-7. Figures in upper corners. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.
1869. Square stamps. 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.
1870-3, Perf. Busts facing to left. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.
1875. 2, 5c.
1882. "U. S. Postage" at bottom. 5c.
1883. "United States Postage" at top. 2, 4c.
1887. 1c, design of 1883. 2c same. 3c design of 1870-3. 4c design of 1883. 5c design of 1882. 30c design of 1870-3. 90c same.
1890-3. Smaller stamps. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 90c.
1893, Perf. Columbian. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 30, 50c, $1, $2, $3, $4, $5.
1894-5. Triangles. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 50c, $1, $2, $5.
1898-9. Like 1894-5 issue. 1c green, 5c blue, 6c lake red, 10c brown, 15c green.
1898. Omaha. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 50c, $1, $2.
1901. Pan-American. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c.
1902-3, Perf. "Series of 1902." 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 50c, $1, $2, $5.
1903. Shield. 2c.
1904. Louisiana. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c.
1907. Jamestown. 1, 2, 5c.
1908-9. All Washington except 1c Franklin. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 50c, $1.
1909. Lincoln. 2c.
1909. Alaska-Yukon. 2c.
1909. Hudson-Fulton. 2c.
1912. Panama-Pacific. 1, 2, 5, 10c.
1912-15. Similar to 1908-9 with numerals in lower corner. 1, 2, 7, (Washington), 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 20, 30, 50c, $1, (Franklin).

Parcel Post stamps.

1912-13. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75c, $1.

Official stamps.

1873 Agriculture. 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c.
1873 Executive. 1, 2, 3, 6, 10c.
1873 Interior. 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.
1873 Justice. 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.
1873 Navy. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.
1873 State. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c, $2, $5, $10, $20.
1873 Treasury. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.
1873 War. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.
1873 Post Office. 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c.

Postal Savings.

1911, 1, 2, 10, 50c, $1.

Special Delivery.

1885-95, 10c. Good only at a special delivery office.
1885-95, 10c. Good at any office.
1885-95, 10c orange.
1885-95, 10c blue. Line under TEN CENTS.
1902, 10c blue, bicycle.
1908, 10c green, helmet and olive branch.

The above list included 288 different stamps.

PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

We desire information concerning the following items for Poole's "Philatelic Dictionary." We are about to make up the first form for printing and await such co-operation as may be extended by our readers. The items are as follows:

What is the literal translation of "Aangebragt . . . duiten" found on the Dutch Indies postage due stamps of 1845-6? Another stamp has the word "Koper" in place of "Duiten". What does it mean?

What is the literal translation of the word "Armenwet" found on the Netherlands 1899-1910 set?

Give the literal translation of the inscription "Arvizkarosultaknak Kulon" found on the Hungary 1913 set.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

SIERRA LEONE
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*1876	No. 11	½p	$ .50
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	No. 17	6p used	1.00
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*	No. 28	3p	.15
*	No. 29	4p	.18
*	No. 30	1sh	.50
*1895	No. 33	6p	.30
*1896	No. 35	1p	.06
*	No. 36	1½	.10
*1897	No. 52	2½ on 6	.50
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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from L. A. Beebe and James Whiteside.

—Herbert Klein, secretary of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society, informs us that the meetings of this Society are being extremely well attended, in fact, as well as during the winter season. This Society takes adlet space to announce its meetings.

—V. W. Rotnem, Mabel, Minn., and A. A. Jones, Herrin, Ill., have formed a co-partnership, to be known as the R.-J. Auction Service. Stamp sales are to be held monthly and the WEEKLY will be used in promoting its publicity end.

—The C. P. S. of Detroit held its annual outing July 29. A car for Toledo was chartered, with refreshments served at Walbridge Park. Thirty-four members of the Society, their families, and a few friends comprised the party. A visit was made by some of the party to the office of the Quaker Stamp Co., per invitation, which was much enjoyed.

We have not been able to locate a good map of our latest acquisition, the D. W. I. If any subscriber can favor us, we shall be pleased to acknowledge the courtesy. We want to make a line cut for use in our forthcoming book.

—"I have recently seen the British Levant King George 4p on 10d and 5p on 1sh genuine stamps with forged surcharge and postmarks."—W. T. WILSON.

—A party comprising C. W. Kissinger, president of the Southern Philatelic Association, and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wallis, Indianapolis, Ind., motored through Chicago on the way to the convention at Minneapolis. The trip was made in Mr. Wallis' car, Mr. Kissinger having been the guest. Mr. Wallis, who is to hold an auction sale at the S. P. A. convention informs us that he has leased a store in Virginia Ave., Indianapolis, which in its entirety is given over to the stamp business of his company.

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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding varieties and new issues gratefully received. Address PERCY McG. MANN, 720 Liberty Bldg., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents. Numbers in parentheses indicate the previous issue of the WEEKLY in which information germane to the subject was published.

UNITED STATES.—(1376)—We are greatly indebted to Mr. Maitland Milliken for submitting a copy of the new small Lincoln postal card which was erroneously chronicled, as the card of 1911 (sic) re-issued, in our issue of May 12th. The card is of an entirely new design and should have been chronicled as such. A good portrait head of Lincoln without background is surrounded by an elliptically shaped frame, containing "U. S. POSTAL CARD" in colorless letters on a solid ground, mounted on a fancy base containing "1 CENT 1" in colorless letters on a solid ground, a colorless ribbon below the head containing "LINCOLN" in small type in color, is the design of the "stamp." The inscription is contained in an outline tablet, with corners curved inward, at the left, and reads: "THIS SIDE OF CARD FOR ADDRESS", without period.

Sometime last year the Third Assistant Postmaster General had notices sent to postmasters advising them that some of the current postal cards would be issued printed on an inferior quality of card, and that such cards were to pass as regularly issued ones and were not to be taken as imitations. We haven't the notice handy, although we recall seeing it, so our words are not the actual words of the Third Assistant P. M. G. Mr. Maitland Milliken submits a copy of this "inferior production" and draws attention to the fact that we have not chronicled it, although it was mentioned in Mr. Severn's editorial of January 20th, 1917.

The card is rough white instead of smooth cream, and the green ink appears dull and dark, although the design is as current postal card, ordinary, on cream.

Postal Cards.

1c dark green on white (140x83 mm.)
1c green on cream (128x77 mm.).

It may be remarked here that the last Lincoln postal card small size, was issued in green on cream in 1913; this had a portrait head of Lincoln on a solid color background, with sprays of laurel at either side of the stamp; it superseded the red Lincoln card of the same design issued in 1911.

Mr. H. M. Kaisinger shows us a cover from the U. S. S. New Jersey, which has been censored. The censor mark is in blue and consists of "PASSED BY CENSOR." with a large star under it at the left and a line to the right of the star, for censor's name or initial.

Confederate States.—(1387)—Prof. Jas. Lewis Howe, of the Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., writes as follows: "I should judge there must be some mistake about the cancellation of the C. S. A. 5c green on cover, described in your No. 1387 by Mr. Gerald S. Curtis as postmarked 'Plaquemine, La., Sept. 8, 1861'. As the stamp was not issued till October 16 in Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy, where it was printed, it hardly seems probable that a copy could have been used in Louisiana more than a month earlier. At all events a more detailed description of the cancellation, etc., would be interesting. Errors in postmark dates are by no means unknown."

AUSTRALIA.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* publishes the following from their correspondent, Mr. Howard Davis:

"Several of the Georgian Reply Letter-Cards are being used up for ordinary. The word 'Reply' is obliterated with a double rule line in red. No other kinds are at present on sale at the G. P. O., Melbourne, and these will be speedily used up.

"War Savings Stamps have been issued in two values, 6d blue and 2sh 6d brown, showing portrait of King George."

We publish the last paragraph for reference purposes only. The provisional postal cards we cannot formally chronicle until we know just what cards have been treated as mentioned above.

AUSTRIA.—(1387)—*Locher's Catalogue* lists the 20h with head of Emperor Charles I, complementary to the 15h we chronicled on July 28th. From the same source we learn that the 2h Special Delivery stamp has also been issued in the new type as described for the 5h in our Chronicle of July 28th, and we learn the colors of both of these, so formally list them below. Likewise the new catalogue states that unissued values of Emperor Francis Joseph types were surcharged for Postage Dues, as mentioned in our Chronicle for July 7th, and as we now learn their colors we list them below.

Adhesive.

20h dark green.

Special Delivery.

2h brown-red on yellow.
5h green on yellow.

Postage Dues.

10 on 24h blue.
15 on 36h violet.
20 on 54h orange.
50 on 42h brown.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles a new printing of the 1d, which is now scarlet instead of bright red, and is on thin paper, with white gum, and with the watermark transparent.

Adhesive.

1d scarlet.

CANADA.—(1383)—Mr. Benjamin Cadbury shows us the "Alberta Winter Fair Calgary Dec. 11-14-1917" cancellation used in Calgary, Alberta, July 19, 1917.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Maitland Milliken for a list of the varieties of King George Postal Cards, and are publishing it hereunder. The varieties are known to Mr. Milliken and it is possible that there are other varieties not known to him, which he would be pleased to know of, so we give his address: 404 Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo.

All cards are of cream texture unless otherwise stated.

King George Postal Cards.

1c green bi-lingual.
1c green English only.
1c green bi-lingual, poor die.
1c red bi-lingual, with and without views.
1c red bi-lingual, inscriptions inverted.
1c red bi-lingual, poor die.
1c red no inscriptions, red rule in lower right corner.
1c green no inscriptions, thick green line right center side.
2c red no inscriptions, thick red line right center side.
1c green no inscriptions, thin black line right and lower center.
1c rose no inscriptions, thin rose line right and lower center.
2c rose no inscriptions, poor die, thin rose line right and lower center.
2c red no inscriptions, thin red line right and lower center.
2c rose bi-lingual, good die.
2c rose English only, good die.
2c rose English only, poor die.
1c green English only, white card.
2c red English only, white card.
2c rose English only, white card, poor die.
2c red no inscriptions, poor die, business card.
2c red no inscriptions, good die, business card.
2c blue U. P. U.
1c+1c black bi-lingual, reply.
1c+1c black English only, reply.

Marsh's Weekly Philatelist, which has been discontinued while its publisher is doing military service, published in its issue of June 9th a list of plate numbers of the Georgian stamps known by them to that date. We are reprinting the list and beg to request our readers to inform us (we will only list on sight) of any other known plate numbers.

1c plates 2, 27-29, 32, 65-68, 71, 74, 75, 77-79, 81-83, 85, 86, A97, A101, A102, A105-108, A110, A111, A114-A131.
2c plates 1-6, 12, 26, 31, 34, 39, 40, 43, 45-48, 53, 57, 60-62, 69, 70, 72-74, A79-A82, A84, A85, A87, A90, A91, A93, A94, A97, A99, A100, A102.
5c plates 1, 2 (indigo), 1, 2, 5-8 (ultramarine).
7c plates 1-4.
10c plates 1, 2, 4-6.
20c plates 1, 2.
50c plate 1.
1c (postage) War Tax plates A1-A8, A11-A16.
2c (postage) War Tax plates A1-A3, A5, A6, 2A.
2c+1Tc (War Tax) plates A1-A12, A14-A16 (red), A17-A22, A24-A26, A29-A32 (brn.).

Advertising Chat

—Don't lose your grip!

—I was walking down the street and I ran up against a big crowd, listening to a colored man selling boot polish. Of course I rubber-necked and in the meantime dropped my grip on the sidewalk. When I got back to mother earth my grip was gone and I awoke from my dream as I was racing around trying to find it. The dream has its moral.

—Julius Segelken used adlet space last season and commencing this week will take displayed space. We presume there are others who will do the same thing.

—Our "3 in 1" contract is a winner.

—It is none too early to think about the fall trade. Get your stock in shape, go through every price list available, get some special bargain offers and go out after customers.

—We have had a bit to say about our "3 in 1" contract. It's a flexible rate based on space used, ½, 1 or 2 inches. You pay $1.25, $2 or $3.60 week by week, depending on space used. It's the cheapest advertising of its kind in the world.

—Even though you think of taking out a half inch contract, the "3 in 1" is better as it includes the former. Some times you will be glad you had the chance to use an inch space.

—We now have no line rate.

—When you come back as an advertiser, it's a question of space based on multiples of a half inch.

—Already Isaiah Rudy and the Maxwell Stamp Co. have taken up the new contract and others are on the way. It's a winner. You pay for what you use and get a lower rate the more you use.

—What did you think of last week's paper? It looked pretty good to us. No summer dullness in the contents of that number.

—THE MANAGING EDITOR.

The same contemporary published: "We are indebted to Mr. George Symonds for a complete bottom row of the 2c+1Tc plate A31 from the lower right pane. This strip originally bore the inscription 'Ottawa No. A31' in the usual position under stamps Nos. 2, 3, 4, and under No. 9 the inscription '937M'. These inscriptions have been obliterated by an engine turned design running under stamps 2 to 10, the space below No. 1 being left plain and the plate number only 'A31' being then again added here close to the left edge of the sheet."

CANAL ZONE.—(1382)—Mr. Frank E. Greene in his correspondence to *The Stamp Trade* writes:

"In my letter of May 28th, I advised that the U. S. official seals were being used in the Zone Post Offices and my surmise that an error might have been made in filling the last order is not the correct dope.

"It appears that the last order which amounted to 5000 seals (received on the Isthmus August 29, 1915) were U. S. seals and it is stated that a 'sample' from the previous lot accompanied the order. Granting that this is correct, the previous lot which amounted to 4000 seals and which was received February 10, 1915, must have been of the U. S. variety, also. Figuring on this dope 6000 seals must have been used before it was noted that Zone seals were not being used. At the present time, there are something like 2500 on hand for issue besides those in the post offices.

"I had noticed what seemed to be an unusual number of U. S. seals during the past ten months or so but concluded that they had been applied in the States. It wasn't until about a month ago when I saw some seals on a local letter, that I had any idea that U. S. seals were being used on the Zone. Investigation at the local post office disclosed the fact that the stock on hand were U. S.

"It is now proposed to have a quantity of seals printed locally and if the facilities at the printing plant are sufficient to turn out the job, we may expect a new lot of seals about the middle of July. The proposed design will contain a seal of the Canal Zone, 13 mm. in diameter in the center and extending horizontally on either side in a band 6 or 7 mm. wide containing the words 'Officially Sealed', the first word to the left of and the other word to the right of the seal. In the upper part, will appear the words 'Bureau of Posts' and in the lower part, the words 'The Panama Canal'. It is thought that the size

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We note Scott's list the 1c of the 1910 postage series as bistre-brown; the copy on Mr. Heintze's letter to us is sepia. It may not be amiss at this time to state that Costa Rican stamps of the 1910 series were on yellowish-white wove paper, and in 1913 or 1914 these stamps came printed on the bluish-white wove paper used by the American Bank Note Co. for the stamps of Cuba, Canal Zone, Chile and other South and Central American countries whose stamps are printed by the American B. N. Co.

FIJI.—(1381)—*Ewen's Weekly* states that they have received a new shade of the ½d printed from plate No. 5.

Adhesive.

½d deep blue-green.

FRANCE.—(1383)—According to Mr. W. T. Wilson, the 1c and 20c French stamps have appeared on the "G. C." granite paper. The list now includes, we believe, all values up to and including the 50c, with the possible exception of the 4c, 25c and 45c.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—We see in the *Madrid Filatelico* that the German Red Cross Committee in the United States prepared 1000 post cards with photographs of the submarine Deutschland. These represented the large merchant submarine in German waters, and were to be sold by Captain Koenig for the benefit of the Red Cross. The cards were divided equally between Captain Koenig and Captain E. Hecker (of the Bremen ?), and Captain Koenig was to autograph them, but, owing to the amount of time it would take, a facsimile of his signature was printed on them.

We would like to know if this post card was ever issued here in the United States.

The Philatelic Magazine publishes the following:

"The *Neue Freie Presse* of Vienna, publishes the following letter:—'To the rarest and most sought after War stamps belong those of the Submarine Postal Service. About 300 stamps were surcharged 'Bremen I. T. B.' and actually postmarked, but unfortunately the plan fell through. America broke off relations with Germany, and all the 300 parcels, letters and cards had to be returned to their respective consignees. The sister submarine, 'Deutschland,' had stamps surcharged 'D. O. B.' The writer of the letter naively concludes: 'These stamps are most rare, owing to the fact that the Submarine Postal Service appears to have been temporarily suspended'."

GREAT BRITAIN.—We reprint the following from *Stamp Collecting*: "An unusual species of minor variety is brought to our notice by Mr. W. Ward, in the shape of a mint copy of one of our current 1d stamps with a hole in the paper, the gum having left a film over (under) the hole, with the result that part of the design is printed on to the film of the gum. This raises the entire question of the *modus operandi* of printing the stamps of our own country, the details of the process having been universally understood to be—first, the actual printing, then the gumming, then perforating. It now seems that all this is to be upset, and that we must now regard it as a fact that the stamps are printed on paper *already gummed*.

The same publication states: "The current ½d stamp appears to have been recently issued on thick calendered paper in a marked shade of pale green."

(Offices in Morocco)—British stamps of 1sh and 2sh 6d have been overprinted "Morocco Agencies" and are chronicled by *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, the first was issued June 7, and the latter was issued May 29, 1917. Two colors of the 2sh 6d are listed by our contemporary, one deep chestnut and the other a paler shade of chestnut-brown, the overprint on the latter is not quite as thick as on the former.

Adhesives.

1sh umber.
2sh 6d deep chestnut.
2sh 6d chestnut-brown.

GREECE.—(1388)—We are indebted to Mr. Eugene Klein for a first sight of another value, complementary, to the War Tax stamps chronicled last week. This time the 10l Revenue stamp of 1914 has been utilized for the purpose of receiving the surcharge "K. P. Lepton 1" in three lines of violet-red ink (this ink looks like a mixture of the violet and red stamping-pad inks, which have caused a dull color).

Stamp.

1l on 10l blue fiscal stamp.

GUATEMALA.—Mr. A. O. Tittmann sends us copies of the 6, 10, 12½c and 1p, Scott's types A31, A32, A38 and A36 and writes: "As far as I know the fact that Guatemala recently received from England a new supply of stamps has already been reported, but nothing was said about a change in the shades and the fact that some of the values were re-engraved. The centerpieces of all but the 12½c have been re-engraved. Especially is this noticeable with the 1p stamp, the new printing of which has much deeper shaded clouds, slightly differently shaped. The same is true of the 10c, where the sky lines have been deepened and extended to the right. The 6c now has a more bluish-green and more olive color; the 10c has changed from a brown-orange to bright yellow-orange; the brown of the 1p stamp is likewise a new shade. Slight changes can also be observed on the other values. The 1c and 2c values have been discontinued."

In considering the above, it must be remembered that the current types have been in use in Guatemala, with the exception of a few values, since 1902, a period of fifteen years. They were originally produced by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London, the printers of the current stamps. During that period there have been many printings, we know, and this is evidenced by the many shades of *all* values which the collector can easily obtain. The color of the 12½c was changed some time ago from a deep ultramarine to a deep blue, and the stamp of this value submitted by Mr. Tittmann is of the latter shade. However, the centers of the newly received 10c and 1p are quite different than earlier printings, as the designs seem to be stronger and fill the centers more. It can probably be surmised that a number of plates were used in fifteen years, made from an original die, but transferred light or strong as the case might be. The 10c is in brighter colors, while the 1p is yellowish-brown and lamp-black in place of the old reddish-brown and bluish-black. The new printing of the 6c is bistre and light blue-green instead of olive-yellow and green.

Adhesives.

6c bistre and light blue-green.
10c orange and deep blue.
12½c deep blue and black.
1p yellowish-brown and black.

HUNGARY.—(1381)—*Locher's Catalogue* gives us some information about recent philatelic happenings in this country. The new 40f and upwards are of oblong design showing a handsome

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picture of the Parliament House at Budapest, and the lower values only are of the "reaper" design, the values being as stated in our Chronicle of June 16th. The same work is our authority for listing a new charity stamp of the value of 40f with a supplementary charge of 2f.

Charity Postage.

40f (+2f) red-brown.

ITALY.—The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicles a War Loan Stamp, being the 50c mauve, ordinary postage, overprinted "PRESTITO NAZIONALE 1917". This is not a postage stamp and would, probably, come under the list of "Savings" stamps, so we only mention it for reference.

JAMAICA. — (1381) — *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for June 16 listed some of the varieties to be found in the recent 8-pt. WAR STAMP overprint on the ½d and 1½d values. We will list only those which have not already been specifically mentioned in this Chronicle.

½d, Small "G" instead of period; Italic "*P*"; "WAP" instead of "WAR"; Old Roman type "P"; Solid triangle for "A" in "STAMP"; Narrow base "S"; Split "M".

1½d, Italic "*P*"; Thick "MP" with minute period; Old Roman type "P"; Broken "A" like an inverted "V" in "STAMP"; Narrow base "S".

By "Narrow base 'S'," we suppose an inverted "S" is meant.

JAPAN.—*(Offices in China)*—(1384)—Mr. Hugh M. Clark writes: "I am wondering if the Japanese Offices in China is not a repetition of something that occurred about a year ago as our books show that we have had both of these stamps in stock. The occasion I refer to was when the regular Japanese set watermark paper appeared. A correspondent of ours supplied us with the full set and about two months later the same man wrote to MEKEEL'S saying that the five and ten yen had not appeared."

Mr. Clark, who is manager of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., refers to our quotation of a portion of a letter from Mr. Siddall, published in our Chronicle of July 7. It is a well known fact that many stamps are issued by the home governments before they are actually placed on sale in the offices for which they were intended. An instance of this kind was mentioned last week under France—Offices in China.

MACAO.—(1384)—The following clipping from the *North China Daily News* kindly supplied by Mr. Theodore Siddall, should set at rest all rumors that Japan has purchased Macao:

"In 1840 the British merchants, driven out of Canton, took refuge on the rocky island of Hong Kong. Since those days Macau has not figured very prominently in Far Eastern history. The Germans have spread a rumor that the Japanese have offered to purchase it, and perhaps the Chinese themselves might, for purely sentimental reasons, offer a sum of money so that it would revert to China. It does not seem to have any commercial possibilities for the harbor silts up quickly. It is said no ocean-going steamer can venture within three miles of Macau, and the cost of deepening the passage would be very great. It might be worth while if there were no Hong Kong. Macau had its chance. But it is not likely to have another opportunity to be a center of commerce. It is just a place of dreams; a pleasant, sunny little corner of the earth for those who like to pass most of their lives basking in the sunshine. Nobody worries much as to what will be in the future; it is the past that seems to grip Macau."

MEXICO.—Mr. Charles F. Schell writes that he has a copy of the current 2c with what appears to be a perforation 14½ on one side (the left) and rouletted on the other three. We noted this ourselves sometime ago and upon examining the roulette saw that it was a zig-zag something like the roulette of the current Greek stamps, and when the stamps are separated projecting points of paper remain along the edge and this resembles a roughly perforated edge. The perforated stamps of this issue are, we believe, perforated 12 only, unless other varieties exist, which we have not seen.

L'Echo de la Timbrologie publishes a little article about the varieties of the 1915 issue of Mexico (known as the "famous men" series) and we will summarize it as follows:

It has been quite well known that the rouletted and perforated stamps of this series appeared to be printed from different lithographic stones, and we now find our contemporary lists these differences as follows:

1. Rouletted. Impression very fine; the stamps are 24 mm. in height.
2. Same issue with additional perforation 11½. Our contemporary has only seen the 10c ultramarine.
3. Same printing, but perforated 11½.
4. The stamps are only 23 mm. in height. There are a number of retouches, notably on the 10c, the lapel of the coat to the left curves inward toward the white shirt front, while the preceding design showed a straight lapel. (The lapel toward the left of the stamp is meant.) The perforation is 12.

Scott's Nos. 455 to 466 are referred to.

MONTENEGRO.—(German Occupation)—(1381)—In our issue of June 16th we chronicled two stamps of Bosnia overprinted "Montenegro", giving *Scott's Circular* as our authority. *Locher's Catalogue* lists the K. K. Feldpost stamps overprinted: "K. u. K. Militarverwaltung Montenegro". These stamps were for use only on the First of March and, as the catalogue prices them at $4.00 for the pair, we surmise that they are the right stamps and that our previous chronicle was an error. Please correct the list to read:

Adhesives.

10h light blue.
15h carmine.

NETHERLAND. — *Locher's Catalogue* lists a new type of stamp for the use of soldiers interned in the prisoners' camps. The one issued in 1914 was green, without any indication of value; the new is of another type, dark brown and bistre. We know nought of the design.

Franchise Postage.

(No value indicated) dark brown & bistre.

NORTH WEST PACIFIC ISLANDS. — *Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new shade of the ½d Australian stamp overprinted "N. W. PACIFIC ISLANDS." The new color is yellow-green instead of blue-green. All three varieties of the arrangement of the "SS" occur.

Adhesive.

½d yellow-green.

PERU. — The *Semanario Filatelico* chronicles a change of color of the 5c (type of 1909) from violet to purple. We make a guess that this was done for the same reason that we mention an instance in our Costa Rica chronicle of this week. The 5c violet as listed in Scott's No. 180, is on yellowish white paper. This was issued in 1909. In 1913 or 1914, the entire series began to come on the bluish-white paper then put into use by the American Bank Note Co., and the 5c on the new paper is in purple. Some day we may go to the trouble to make up lists of these South and Central American and West Indies stamps on the yellowish paper and the bluish-white paper. Or, maybe, some specialist in these stamps will favor us with a correct list. Off-hand, as far as Peru is concerned, we know of the Postage Due stamps, Nos. 340 to 343, on both papers, also we can register a guess that Scott's No. 476 (Official stamp) is on yellowish paper and No. 479, which is listed under the proper date (1914) is on bluish-white paper, and if one cares to go a little further he may find that Nos. 477 and 478 come on both papers.

RHODESIA.—*Stamp Collecting* was the first paper to reach us chronicling the new 1½d orange-brown stamp in the current type King George in naval uniform. It was issued in May of this year, has no watermark, and is perforated 14.

Adhesive.

1½d orange-brown.

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News states that it was intended to issue the new value on May 18th, but that it was not actually placed in use until May 25th. An increase in the postage rates made the new value necessary. They are printed in oblong sheets of 240, divided into panes of sixty, 10x6. The color is, states our contemporary, *citrine* (brown-ochre or khaki shade), and the stamps are printed on medium white unwatermarked paper.

RUSSIA.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List* for June, which for some reason or other failed to reach us, contained the following: "A correspondent at Petrograd has telegraphed us that on March 4 (this is probably an error, and should be May 4) certain values of the Romanoff stamps were issued overprinted with the Russian arms, and other values surcharged 'Picture Republican Gazette', and that the whole issue was sold out in two days. The descriptions within the limits of a telegram are necessarily vague, but we will give further particulars as soon as we receive specimens of the stamps. They are offered to us at prices from 5sh to 20sh each, but we refrain from buying any at these prices until we get fuller information."

The surcharge may be a private one for the *Gazette* as otherwise it would certainly be an oddity as a national issue.

Scott's Circular publishes the following: "Mr. J. B. Leavy writes us: 'The other day a young chap was in to see me who had just returned from Russia, was there during the revolt. He informed me that the stamps that were current when he left Russia were Scott's Nos. 73 to 87 and 88 to 104, all with the arms or portrait obliterated by three heavy horizontal bars'."

(Offices in China.)—(1388)—Mr. Theodore Siddall advises us that the new Russian China set is now all in use, and includes all values of the Russian stamps surcharged, with the exception of the 7k, which is obsolete in Russia and the 10r, which has been an obsolete value in Russian offices in China for about two years.

SAMOA.—(1382)—*The West-End Philatelist* chronicles the following varieties of the surcharged German Colonial stamps:

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½d on 5pf green.
2½d on 20pf blue.
3d on 25pf orange and black on yellow.

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½d on 3pf brown.
½d on 5pf green.
1d on 10pf carmine.
2½d on 20pf orange and black on yellow.
2½d on 20pf blue.
3d on 25pf orange and black on yellow.

SIAM.—(1370)—Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., advises us that the London printings of the baht values are now in issue, but that his Siamese correspondent did not send them to him, stating that there was no difference between them and those printed by the Government Printing Office, Vienna. They must be, indeed, identical to not be considered as a new issue by Siamese specialists. However, Mr. Ward has requested his correspondent to forward them to him, and when they arrive, a close comparison between those printed by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London, and those printed in Vienna, may disclose some variations by which the two printings may be identified.

Mr. Ward tells us the values include 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 20 baht.

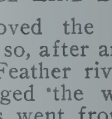
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles new shades of the 1c and 3c, which were issued in booklet form on Dec. 11th, 1916. The booklets sell for $1.00 (Malay) and contain twelve 4c stamps, sixteen 3c and four 1c. They are printed on medium paper with white gum, watermark opaque.

Adhesives.

1c blue-green.
3c scarlet.

TUNIS.—Mr. Gerald Mongeon shows us a pair of Scott's No. 31, 5c green on greenish, one of which is without the name of the designer, L. Dumoulin, at the lower left corner. This is an interesting variety.

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Discovery has been made by Owen C. Coy, secretary of the commission through examination of these documents, that as early as April 25, 1851, nearly ten years before the "Pony Express" was started, the United States contracted with George Chorpenning and Absolom Woodward to pay $14,000 a year to have the mail carried once each month between Salt Lake and Sacramento. The contractors agreed to make the 910-mile journey in not more than 30 days. The original route was along the regular emigrant road through Placerville, crossing the Sierras at Carson's canyon, then following along the Carson and Humboldt rivers and around the northern end of Great Salt Lake. In the first journey across the mountains, it took at times a whole day to make two miles through the snow. Before the end of the year Woodward was killed by Indians near Great Salt Lake.

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Winter proved the northern route impracticable, so, after an unsatisfactory trial, of the Feather river route, Chorpenning changed the winter route so that the mails went from Salt Lake to San Pedro and thence on a Panama mail steamer to San Francisco. In 1858, the quantity of mail to be carried increased so much—and also the government remuneration—that Chorpenning was able to run a stage line of four-horse coaches along the mail route. A new route was discovered south of Great Salt Lake, which shortened the journey a hundred miles.

The very idea of the "Pony Express" was anticipated by Major Chorpenning, for in December, 1858, when the President's message was about to be issued, Chorpenning placed a fresh horse at each mail station from Salt Lake to California, and Sacramento read President Buchanan's second annual message only 17 days after it had been delivered to congress. This was two years before Russell & Co. established the famous "Pony Express."

Californians who read a Chicago newspaper only three days old, or who look out over the desert from a dining car table, little realize the dangers and difficulties of these long-forgotten pioneer mail contractors. During the ten years Major Chorpenning was engaged in this service, says Mr. Coy, he lost at the hands of the Indians, nearly 300 head of horses and mules and many coaches, wagons and station buildings, and 16 of his brave messengers were slain by the Indians.—*Clipping.*

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On Tuesday morning, August 6th, the convention was called to order by the President, Clifford Washington Kissinger, in the convention hall of the Hotel Dyckman, in the presence of about seventy-five delegates and visitors. Mr. J. E. Guest of Minneapolis, on behalf of the philatelists of the Twin Cities, expressed his pleasure in being privileged to greet so many friends and members. The formal welcome was extended by Mayor Van Lear, whose address was not without philatelic allusion. The mayor's pleasant sentiments were responded to by Mr. Severn and President Kissinger. In the absence of the secretary, C. V. Webb, Mr. Wallis served as secretary *pro tem.* The reports of officers were of interest to the members and we make room for the annual address of the president:

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 2, 1917.

To the Members of the Southern Philatelic Association in Convention Assembled, greetings:

It is indeed a great honor and pleasure to again be assembled with the members of the S. P. A., notwithstanding the evil spirit which has made the Government possessed by it and executing its abhorrent and bloody bidding, an abomination in the sight of God and men. We have met in pursuance of a high purpose, a purpose which at this time is one and the same wherever, throughout this great Universe,—that to determine the great value and necessity of the postage stamp which carries the language of men and women in writing all over this world. In these times it is the purpose of this great Nation to fight and to bear and dare, and the message that the postage stamp carries is filled with hope which falls upon darkness of our people and helps make life tolerable. They are the things of humanity, liberty, justice and mercy, for which the best men amongst all the nations, including the German nation, have fought and bled these many generations past, which were the ideals of Luther, Goethe, Schiller, Kant and a host of others who had made the name of Germany great and beloved until fanatical Prussianism, run amuck, came to make its deeds a by-word and a hissing. This appalling conflict divides the soul and conscience of the world and we must let the Postage Stamp carry the thoughts of equally as good men as those of the past ages, to gain our one purpose in life, and that is to bring this war to a successful conclusion. We have men plenty, and since, "It is not for glory, or for riches, or for honor that we fight, but for liberty alone, which no good man loses but with his life," let we people assembled here who can not give life for our country send messages of good will and cheer to our S. P. A. members at the front, that we want to help them make the world safe for democracy. At this time I want to extend my personal regard and respect as well as in my official capacity, that of the entire Society to our boys at the front and to say that we at home will help the President to win this most just and righteous war, into which, God knows, we have not lightly entered.

Notwithstanding the horrible war and the abnormal conditions that are now prevailing, I am pleased to report that the S. P. A. has increased its membership. At the Washington convention the members adopted the slogan "2,000 members for a greater S. P. A.," but unfortunately could not live up to it. However, the increase is sufficiently interesting and attractive to again renew the slogan and see whether it can not be reached in another year.

During the past year I have appointed state vice-presidents and in two or three other countries, and I trust they have not only accepted this appointment as an honor but one filled with great opportunities if personal attention and time is given to it. These appointments were made not only to benefit the Society at large but to benefit all those who were sufficiently interested to take hold of it and work. I have made the city vice-president appointments, but up to this time was not able to have them published in the *Philatelic West.*

I want to make particular mention of the splendid report of the Secretary. As usual the membership has increased over last year and I am sure we are all greatly indebted to our Secretary and a few other active members for the wonderful work they have done during the past year. In fact, too much credit can not be given to all the officers. I de-

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sire to personally honor them all with public mention for their courtesy and consideration during the past year, in fact every one belonging to this great society has been willing at all times to cheerfully render any service for the good of the Society, if called upon.

The Philatelic library is one of the most important factors in the history of the S. P. A., for without the history and knowledge of the value of the stamps a collector would surely be at a loss. I am sure Mr. Wm. R. Ricketts, librarian, would be glad to have you take advantage of the library, either in using the books already there or by adding to any of the literature, for I know that many of the members would not then be misled in the exchanging or purchasing of stamps.

In conclusion I want to again thank you all for your hearty co-operation in this work of the S. P. A. during the past year and extend to you my best wishes for a most pleasant, none the less profitable, convening, and trust that we may all meet next year with again as many members as are present here, and to be able to report a membership of 2,000. Whoever the new officers may be for the coming year I ask that you give them your earnest support and co-operation. We are all in the Society for one cause and one can only be profitable in their particular line with the assistance of every member, for we can only become smooth and bright as the stones by rubbing together, and truly we have men plenty, brains plenty and money plenty to carry on this great work and be known as the "biggest stamp society in the world."

Again wishing you unbounded success for the coming year and hoping to meet you at future conventions, I am,

Fraternally yours,
C. W. KISSINGER, President.

Later, the various committees were appointed and the convention was soon in working order. We shall summarize the transactions of the body; it may be added that everything proceeded expeditiously.

The questions of national charter and life memberships were discussed and committees previously appointed were continued in force with instructions to report at the next convention. If a national charter is sought, it would seem advisable to change the name of the organization to remove the sectional limitation, even though it exists in name only; and on the point of change of name there is a division of opinion.

For the seat of the next convention, the names of various cities were placed in nomination, the chief contenders being Philadelphia (or Atlantic City), Niagara Falls and New Orleans. After due oratorical consideration, the balloting proceeded with Niagara Falls an easy winner. The date was ordered fixed so as not to conflict with that of the American Philatelic Society.

The anticipations that there would be a fight over the selection of the official journal were realized. The report of the committee left the choice to the convention and the storm clouds soon broke and flooded the meeting charges of plot and counter-plot. The rivals of the *Stamp Herald* attacked the system by which a preponderance of proxy votes was in the hands of those friendly to that paper. Mr. Wallis was the sponsor of the *Stamp Herald* and Mr. Guest was the spokesman of the opposition. The vote showed that the *Stamp Herald* of Indianapolis was the victor, with *Philatelic Gossip* and *Collectors' Journal* in the running. The offer of the publisher of the *Stamp Herald* seemed the most favorable, as its terms embraced a rate of twenty-five cents to those members who subscribed and the publication of the Year Book without charge to the association.

The constitution was changed so that members in the service of the United States and its allies were exempted from payment of dues during the period of the war. In this connection it is to be said that a resolution was passed in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker, Treasury Department, Regina, Saskatchewan, who lost a son at the Somme and have three sons and seven uncles and nephews fighting with the British forces. A resolution also was passed commendatory of Burt McCann of Minneapolis, the bedridden philatelist who was so much interested in the convention but who, of course, could not attend the sessions. It is to be said here that many of the delegates called at Mr. McCann's at his home, much to that gentleman's satisfaction.

At the request of the librarian, Wm. R. Ricketts, the office of assistant librarian was created. An important change was made whereby the members each year will vote directly for the choice of official journal. The names of the aspirants will be placed on the ballot with a résumé of the terms offered in each case. It should be added that the *Philatelic West* was not entered in the contest this year by Mr. Brodstone.

It is understood that Mr. Webb, the secretary, will resign his position this month because of the growth of his private business interests.

The proxy representation at the convention was about 700 and the old officers were elected, except that Mr. Beardslee was chosen vice-presdent and H. K. Bowen, international secretary.

Before adjournment, the customary resolutions of thanks were passed and the convention closed triumphantly after a beautiful eulogy of philately and its followers by Mr Harry S. Swenson of Minneapolis, an orator of brilliant parts who is best remembered by his philatelic activities as a philatelic publisher about twenty-one years ago.

The collectors of the Twin Cities and nearby places attended the convention by the dozens and the following is an incomplete list, no doubt, of those who came from a distance: C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa., President; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wallis, Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker, Regina, Saskatchewan; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Vanderpoel, Grand View, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Flerlage, Cincinnati; Miss Mabelle M. Lutz, Easton, Pa.; Dr. H. A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Col.; G. A. Martin, Washington, D. C.; L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.; Otto Arco, "Anywhere", H. S. Powell, Storm Lake, Ia.; H. K. Bowen, Fort Dodge, Ia.; John J. Lechky, Iowa City, Ia.; John G. Bassler, Madison, Wis.; Elmer Toepelman, Madison, Wis.; and from Minnesota, Rev. Francis L. Palmer, Stillwater; Victor W. Rotnem, Mabel; A. A. Quevli, Windom; Wm. H. Mackie, Bovey; Roy W. Billings, Windom and others.

Socially, the promises of the program were carried out to the letter. The stamp bourse, the auction sale and the convention photo were on the schedule and the trip to Wildwood, a lake resort, Wednesday afternoon, had its climax in the evening at the banquet, where Mr. Swenson acted as toastmaster. The trolley trips were pleasant and the boat trip around Lake Minnetonka on Thursday afternoon was particularly enjoyable.

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	30c claret	.03
	1 peso blue and rose	.12
1916	2c violet brown	.02
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	10c green (Commemorative)	.03
1917	1c ochre	.02
	2c violet brown	.01
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—We are greatly indebted to several of our subscribers who have taken the trouble to give us the desired information as regards Dictionary definitions, also a map of the U. S. Virgin Islands. We appreciate very much the courtesies extended but will not undertake to name the numerous subscribers who have favored us.

—George M. Brack, St. Paul, Minn., sends us clippings giving the particulars of the death of Dr. Geo. W. Hartwell, formerly professor of mathematics at Hamline University. Dr. Hartwell died at Columbus, Mont., where he had gone for his health Mr. Brack says that he was for several years a leading member of the Post Card Society, also a member of the A. P. S. His collecting activities were confined to post cards. He was a charter member of the Twin Cities Philatelic Society.

—The *New York Times* in a recent issue gave an extended writeup of the Morgenthau auction sale of the Worthington collection, to take place August 21-23. A number of the rarities were described and special reference was made to a set of 1903 1c to $5 "specimen" which Mr. Worthington obtained from the late Senator Mark A. Hanna.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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EDITORIAL.

Thrice—For the third time in what may be accounted a generation, twenty-one years, the city of Minneapolis has entertained a stamp convention of a national philatelic organization and thrice has the progressive city, which on the philatelic map is represented by a large circle to properly bespeak its importance, acquitted itself creditably. In 1896 the American Philatelic Society and the Philatelic Sons of America met at Lake Minnetonka as guests of the Minneapolis collectors; and in 1905, history repeated itself as to the senior society. Now, in 1917, the Southern Philatelic Association, which during the past four years has made giant strides to the front held its annual meeting in Minneapolis. The presence of not a few of the Twin Cities veterans of the first and second conventions was worthy of remark and to some of the visitors, who, likewise had a clean attendance record, was significant. It was the third Minneapolis convention for Messrs. Aldrich, Brodstone, Kissinger and Severn, of the visitors. The renewing of old acquaintances was one of the most satisfying privileges of the convention. Further, the Twin Cities faithful were a bulwark of strength in many respects and their presence was a distinct addition to the interest of the convention.

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Regenerated — Of the Minneapolis band, Mr. H. S. Swenson, the brilliant philatelic publisher, twenty years ago, of the *Philatelic News-Letter*, was a luminary who dazzled and delighted all of the visitors. True, Mr. Swenson's interest in stamps has been quiescent for some years, a good many in fact, as his candidacy for congress, not to mention other distractions, took his mind for the time being, from his first love. However, when Mr. Swenson found himself among stamp friends, old and new, a surge of latent philatelic affection impelled him to start his collection anew. We mention this to show what ends the philatelic convention may serve in the city in which it is held in fanning the wee flame that never is quite quenched, into a blaze; and to pay a deserved tribute to Mr. Swenson whose experienced hands grasped the tiller firmly when the convention boat showed any tendency to wobble on its course. Mr. Swenson's remarks in adjourning the convention were a master-piece of laudation of philately and made a deep impression.

Action—No legislation was transacted that was of national importance but the sessions were of engrossing interest, partly because of the differences of opinion that arose in selecting the official journal from the three papers that competed for preferment. The *Stamp Herald* was chosen; it was entrenched by too many proxies to be dislodged but its offer, nevertheless, was most favorable to the association, as it carried with it the stipulation that the Year Book would be published free of charge to the society. It was the report of the committee on official journal that touched the match to the fire-works and for a time, verbal pyrotechnics, not to mention a bomb or two, kept the delegates in a delightful state of apprehension. The generals in the wordy war in due course recovered their equanimity and shook hands over the chasm that yawned once or twice. The lady reporter on one of the Minneapolis papers enjoyed herself particularly at this session and her story did not ignore the "battle" it is needless to say.

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Stamps—One phase of the convention cannot be commended too highly and that was the stamp activity that was apparent, due mainly to the "Brouse," as the program had it. The Bourse was held on the evening of the first day of the convention; many a fine collection was shown and there were scarce and interesting pieces in profusion. The instructions of the program to buy, sell and exchange were honored and the result was a proper stamp atmosphere, even though commercialism was not rampant. Hereafter, it will be demanded that an evening be assigned in the convention program for the bourse. It has been complained that the stamp convention does not provide the opportunity for barter and sale dear to the collecting heart as between the business and social sessions there is no time for stamp diversion of the kind. Provision must be made for stamp interchange and exhibition at conventions from now on.

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Hosts—As was expected, the Minneapolis and St. Paul collectors proved hosts who left nothing undone to ensure the pleasure and the comfort of visitors. Under Mr. Guest's direction, the social numbers of the program were given without a hitch and they were varied enough in kind to please all. The convention photo turned out very well, even though it will not be needed to keep the joys of the 1917 convention of the Southern Philatelic Association in memory. The representation of Twin Cities collectors at the convention was a strong one, naturally, and the attendance from out-of-town was larger than some anticipated. The present time is not exactly propitious for pleasure jaunts and the attendance at all kinds of conventions is suffering. Under the circumstances, the convention, numerically, was a decided success.

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First—An argument that arose outside of the convention and which excited much interest was on the question of the date of the first collector and the first dealer in this country. The questions were referred to us finally and we answered that according to our best recollection, 1859 or earlier is claimed to be the date of the birth of the first collector in this country while Mr. E. A. Holton of Boston seems to have been the first dealer here, as he embarked in the stamp business in 1861.

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Album—An old album was shown us by Mr. E. P. Capen, Minneapolis, the title page of which reads: "Boston Stamp Album for the Postage Stamps of All Nations. Boston: William H. Hill, Jr. & Co., 30 & 32 Cornhill." The album was "Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1866." This album which was given to Mr. Capen by his mother is an example of an early American edition but was published three years after the Appleton album was offered in 1863. We understand that a stamp album had been published in Baltimore before 1866 but our informant does not remember the style of the album or the name of its publishers.

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Big—The catalogue of the Worthington auction sale to be held by J. C. Morgenthau & Company is a reflection of the richness of the great collection and incidentally is a graphic illustration of the solidity of philately as measured in dollars and cents. The dissenting non-philatelist marvels at the prices singly and in the aggregate, according to catalogue and other quotations.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

A STAMP TRAGEDY.

By CLEANTHIS ZONARAS.

Inclosed please find a specimen of a Turkish stamp issued in 1914 and bearing an Armenian inscription which caused the death of the engraver who made the design.

In 1914 the Turkish government appointed an Armenian engraver to make the designs of the pictorial series issued in that year. The engraver, who was anxious to see the use of the Armenian language on stamps of a country recognized by the Postal Union, selected the 10 paras stamp of this series and just below "POSTES OTTOMANES" engraved with very small and caligraphic letters the Armenian inscription "Datchgagan Garavarutiun" (Turkish Postage). When placed under a microscope the Armenian letters stand out boldly.

This stamp being uniformly printed in green presents a handsome appearance. The vignette gives a pretty view of the lighthouse of Fanar Baghtche, a suburb of Constantinople inhabitated by Armenians. In the upper part is the



Turkish inscription, "Devleti Osmaniye Postalari" (Ottoman Empire Postage) and below is "Postes Ottomanes" and just beneath this in a line of characters resembling ornaments, is the Armenian inscription "Datchgagan Garavarutiun." In the upper and lower right corners are the Turkish numerals 10. In the upper left corner is the "Toughra," the Turkish Imperial emblem bearing the name of the Sultan and in the lower right corner is the Latin numeral 10. In the lower right part of the picture is the Turkish inscription "Fanar Baghtche," the name of the suburb and below this is "Paras," while in the lower left is the Turkish inscription "Para."

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U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

DOCUMENTARY AND PROPRIETARY.

By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

CHAPTER XXV.—*How Used.*

1871-75 Proprietary Stamps.

About 1891 R. S. Hatcher, a philatelic writer said—"The scarce dollar values of the green 1871, U. S., proprietary stamps were used chiefly by wholesale importers of West India bay rum, although a large number of them was used by the Philadelphia proprietary medicine firm of Starkey & Palen." (See Inquiry Dept. MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS for Jan. 3, 1901.) The present writer might add that he does not recall having seen any of the $1 or $5 stamps with the Starkey & Palen cancellation. Many of the $5 Proprietaries in existence have four or five tack holes—one in each corner and sometimes another one in the middle—and these copies are believed to have been taken from kegs of bay rum.

For even more conclusive proof the reader is referred to an extract from the Laws and Regulations of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Series 7, No. 10, (Oct. 1, 1878—note the date), where it states, "Articles that are patent or proprietary and therefore subject to the stamp tax, and all perfumeries and cosmetic articles, when sold in what are termed bulk packages, are equally liable to the stamp tax as when sold in retail packages, and the value of the stamp or stamps to be affixed must correspond with the price charged for a single package with its contents. This decision specially applies to imported bay rum and cologne waters which are held to be cosmetic articles, and to bitters claimed to be medicinal, when sold in kegs, half barrels, barrels, etc. Dealers may retail directly from such bulk packages which have been properly stamped by the manufacturer or importer, drawing from the same in quantities to suit their customers, without any additional stamping, but the stamps attached to such bulk packages will only protect the original article contained therein, and only protect that so long as it is kept within such stamped package. If bulk packages are broken and their contents drawn off into smaller vessels, thereby ceasing to be identified with the stamped packages in which they were put up by the manufacturer or sold by the importer, such contents become liable to seizure if stamps are not affixed to the articles thus sold or offered or exposed for sale."

The import tax on bay rum was continued in force after July 1, 1883, but no record appears of the use of the high value proprietaries after that date except a few 50c and $1.00 stamps in the fiscal year 1884. The Act of March 3, 1883, also continued the tax on essential oil of bay leaves, or bay rum essence or oil after July 1, 1883, but changed the rate to $2.50 per pound.

The writer has heard of the use of high value proprietaries on opium but considers it rather doubtful. The special "Series of 1879" customs opium stamps for imported opium were used at the rate of 140,000 to 550,000 per year until 1888 and at this rate the dollar proprietaries would have been all used up long before 1879. Another point is that most of the three high value proprietaries were not used before 1879, but afterward. About 1879 the number issued each year increased greatly. The 50c jumped from an average of 600 per year to some 6,000, the $1 from 500 to 700 and the $5 from 60 to about 300 per year. In 1882, nearly 10,000 of the 50c and over 1,000 of the $1 appear to have been issued.

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY for June 16, 1906, published the following in the revenue department edited by Charles A. Nast, the well-known writer on U. S. revenues—"Some three years ago the collecting world was startled by a story published in a trade journal at St. Louis that there had been a big find of the $5 Proprietary stamps . . . I am now in a position to state on the authority of the party interested that the number found was 8 of the $1.00 Proprietary and 37 of the $5.00 value. These have all been disposed of, one by one, and no panic has occurred. As there have been so many conflicting stories regarding the whole transaction, I am permitted to give here the first authentic account of the affair from the pen of Geo. W. Ross of Brooklyn, N. Y."

"In the first place the stamps were sent to my father in the latter part of 1902, by a gentleman in England. Their value not being known they were sent through the ordinary mail. . . Within a few months my father died, since which time I have handled the remainder. In reference to the history of the stamps, I may tell you that they were removed from certain tins containing Lacto-peptine, a drug received from the United States during the period (1879) when stamp duty was required on all medicines."

Lacto-peptine was sold by the New York Pharmacal Association, whose four cent private die stamp used from 1877 to 1883 is familiar to all collectors of the private die stamps. A tin of this preparation selling for $125 at retail would require a $5 stamp under the proprietary schedule. The above is conclusive proof of the regular use of these stamps after 1875 and of their availability for paying the tax on medicines manufactured in the United States.

The rarity of these high values is easily explained. Most of them were destroyed. Occasionally a few were saved as curiosities or were rescued by the comparatively few phlatelists who appreciated the beauty of U. S. revenues forty years ago.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Issues of 1871-75, Oddities.

Although the 2c orange and black documentary with medallion inverted is not rare, especially on chameleon paper, none of the other inverts are common In the blue and black series the 50c invert is the commonest. This stamp and the $1 value are most often found cancelled with a triangular hole punched through them and these punched stamps came from the custom house in New York city. The $1 blue and black unpunched is about as rare as the $1 black and green, and is about ten times as rare as when punched.

The number of inverted 15c brown, 25c blue, $2.50 claret and 4c proprietary known to be in existence is estimated to be about half a dozen, or less, of each. Few, indeed, of the stamps philately ranks as practically unobtainable are as rare as these U. S. revenues and they may truly be called "the rarest of the rare." There is not the slightest ground for suspicion of their character. All the inverts were perfectly legitimate issues—real errors of printing issued only by accident. The 15c brown and black was not known to exist at all until more than twenty-five years after it was issued.

The 1c, 2c and 3c proprietary are known inverted on both chameleon and green paper and the fact that they and the 2c orange documentary exist on green paper proves that inverts were printed as late as October, 1874. By comparing the dates of issue of the various stamps it will be apparent a sheet of inverts must have slipped out now and then over a period of three or four years. Very few unused copies of the scarcer inverts are known.

The 25c and 50c blue and black are occasionally seen with a sewing machine perforation instead of the regular perf. 12. The $1.50 blue and black and the 3c green and black proprietary also exist with this unofficial perf. and are very rare. It is believed all these stamps came from sheets that were issued imperforate by accident and were privately "perforated" by a sewing machine. The needle of the machine punched a row of holes between the stamps but did not cut away any of the paper. It is a true "pin perf." The perforation is seldom regular even on the same side of the same stamp but most frequently gauges from 8 to 12 and rarely cuts into the design. The margins around the designs are nearly always so large the perf. could not have been faked and only an occasional specimen appears to be of doubtful genuineness.

No used imperf. or part perf. pairs or blocks of the 1871-75 issues have been found and the only unused item seen by the writer was an imperf. block of 2c orange and black documentary, without gum, on what seemed to be the regular silk fibre chameleon paper. There is nothing to show this block is anything but printer's waste.

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*	No. 21	1p	.15
*1884	No. 25	1½p	.15
*	No. 27	2½p	.20
*	No. 28	3p	.15
*	No. 29	4p	.18
*	No. 30	1sh	.50
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UNITED STATES.—(1388)—With reference to the 6c coil stamp chronicled week before last, we have an interesting letter from Mr. J. M. Bartels, which we reproduce as follows:

"I have read on page 258 of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY what you have to say in regard to the coiled 6c stamp and note that you have actually included it in your chronicle, though you have never seen this stamp. This I consider a dangerous procedure, in fact this stamp should not be chronicled as none of them are in existence today. The whole story of this coil was known at the time and, as I recall it, it runs as follows:

"When the first announcements were made concerning the issue of stamps in coils, perforated one way only, a dealer in this city was led to believe that this would mean pairs and strips which would be imperforate on the attached side and perforated at the other, thus providing for instance, horizontal pairs and strips imperforated vertically but perforated horizontally. With this in view he ordered through the local Postmaster a coil of 6c stamps, but upon finding that they were not perforated the way he desired them he returned them to the Postmaster who sent them back to Washington. For a while this coil was placed in the stock of the Washington Postmaster and, I dare say, could have been bought by anyone who felt inclined to put up the $30 required. At that time no one realized the value or coming philatelic importance of coils, and I was shortly afterwards informed that the 6c stamp had been returned to the stamp division for destruction and I am sure that none were saved.

"Feeling that you will be interested in this story, especially as you have chronicled something that does not exist, I think that the facts concerning this coil should be made public."

We quite agree with Mr. Bartels, and we are only too pleased to publish the story regarding a stamp that was prepared for use, but never issued, and thank him for the information. Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., and Mr. W. C. Webb communicate the same information also.

ABYSSINIA. — (1388) — Mr. Frank Clark Cosby shows us the 2g blue stamp with the four line black Commemorative overprint, which was duly chronicled in our issue of June 23rd, and our remarks given in the Chronicle of August 4th, because *Champion's Bulletin* did not publish the quantity issued of this stamp, are irrelevant, the stamp before us proving its existence. The list of these is as given in our June 23rd Chronicle, while the list given in our issue of August 4th, is of the *three* line Commemorative overprint.

ALBANIA.—Mr. Gerald Mongeon submits three sets of stamps which he states he purchased in Paris several years ago. The stamps are not listed in any catalogue and we would be glad to receive any information that would throw light on them as to what they are.

1. Three stamps, all of the same design and same color, gray on yellow paper, perforated 12, 20 paras, 1 piastre and 2 piastres, all overprinted with a large "T" in pink. The design shows a soldier in a panel at the left with the date "1914" beneath, the right ⅔ of the stamp shows a picture of some port, presumably Albanian, with "SHQIPENIA" above and the value "20 PARAS 20" (or, as the case might be, 1 or 2 piastres) below.

2. Five stamps, all of the same design, white paper, perforated 11, 5 paras yellow, 10p gray-black, 20p red, 40p dark blue and 80p violet. The design is very simple, consisting of a double line frame, upright oblong, containing a crown and "ALBANIE" at top, an heraldic ship in the center and the value below.

3. Five stamps, same as preceding, but imperforate and overprinted a large "T" in blue.

AUSTRIA.—(1389)—The *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* chronicles the 25h and 30h in the new Emperor Karl I. type.

Adhesives.

25h blue.
30h violet.

BRITISH GUIANA. — *The Postage Stamp* publishes the following:—

"The following was published in the colony on April 5, 1917:

'STAMP TAX.

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This ordinance shall remain in force for the duration of the present war and no longer.'

"Mr. A. D. Ferguson writes: 'It is loosely worded but what is actually imposed is a tax on postage out of the colony of double the usual postage rate, except for parcels. The postage on matter in the colony is not increased, but the 1c rate is suspended. The Government do not intend surcharging stamps for the extra War Tax.'"

BRITISH HONDURAS. — (1384) — The *British Guiana Philatelic Journal* states: "The second printing of the 1c stamp, bluish green shade with the moiré overprint consisted of 203,880 stamps. Of these 177,480 were overprinted 'WAR,' leaving only 16,400 of the issue without surcharge."

CHINA.—(1387)—Mr. Benjamin Cadbury shows us the 10c Peking printed postage due stamp and it is like the 2, 4 and 5c described in our Chronicle of July 28th. We have still to see the 1, 20 and 30c.

GREAT BRITAIN. — *Stamp Collecting* publishes the following: "Mr. H. C. V. Adams has shown the *British Philatelist* an unused pair of the (lately current) One Pound, in which the value in each stamp is doubly printed. The 'doubling' is no doubt owing to a movement of the paper, between the operations of being placed on the plate and being run through the press, but it is interesting."

GUATEMALA.—Mr. Edwin W. Fuss sends us a copy of a new provisional issued in this country. It consists of the 1c green and claret surcharged "DOS CENTAVOS" in two lines of Roman type. Mr. Fuss' correspondent informs him that the stamp was issued owing to a shortage of the 2c adhesive, that the issue is a small one, that letters and newspapers must be brought to P. O. to have stamp attached by clerk, that this procedure is to prevent dealers from buying the whole stock, and that the surcharge is printed in sheets of 100. Mr. Fuss states that so far he has not seen any errors of surcharge.

If, as we were led to understand by word from Mr. A. O. Tittmann, published last week, the 1c and 2c have been discontinued, is it not probable that the 1c were surcharged 2c to use up stock on hand? But why surcharge them 2c, if this value is discontinued? Perhaps only the 1c has been discontinued. Or—we await further, definite information.

Provisional Adhesive.

"DOS CENTAVOS" (2c) on 1c grn. & claret.

HONG KONG.—(1388)—The $5 stamp chronicled in our issue of August 4th, should have been listed as red and green on green and not black on green. Correction:

Adhesive.

$5 red and green on light green.

HUNGARY.—(1389)—The design of the new Charity stamp chronicled last week, pictures the Hungarian eagle with wings outstretched, perched on a large sword, on a mountain peak. It is typical of War, but its actual meaning we are not aware of. It looks more like a cartoon, being symbolical rather than actual. We see the stamp illustrated in *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift*.

JAMAICA. — (1381) — Messrs. Taylor Bros. have shown *Stamp Collecting* a variety of the first setting 1½d War Stamp, small type, on which the overprint consists of "WA" only, while the word has been completed by a hand-stamped letter "R" "in ink," in rough imitation of the font of type used by the printer.

The same publication mentions a variety of the 1½d War Stamp, large type, in which the right end of the top stroke of the "T" in "STAMP" is missing.

MEXICO.—Mr. Horace E. Jones shows us a copy of the current 1c showing a distinct double transfer of the design. The entire lower portion of the design is double and is especially noticeable in the imprint at the bottom, which consists of the words: "Oficina Imp. de Hacienda-Mexico". The "double trans-

Advertising Chat

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—I think Mr. Linn handled the 5c perf. Transitorio in a skilful manner. If you are interested buy the book, anyway, the stamp is in my collection and will be in every other collection of war Mexicans. Mr. Linn would have made a good lawyer.

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Nauru.—(1381)—We have an interesting letter from Whitfield King & Co., which straightens out the remarks in the last few chronicles of this country, see issues of April 7, June 16 and June 30. Our correspondent, quoted in the issue of June 16, must have referred to our chronicle of April 7, in which it is stated on the authority of an English contemporary: "N. W. Pacific Islands (stamps) are said to be obsolete, having been superseded by the series issued from Nauru." This Chronicle appeared before the present editor of this department had affairs in charge, and we believe our English contemporary meant that the N. W. Pacific Islands stamps were obsolete in Nauru—not entirely obsolete. Seeing this, our correspondent meant to convey the information that the stamps were still in use in the N. W. Pacific Islands. Taking the facts as set before us, we have confused the issues, and thus our remarks at the end of our Chronicle of June 30 are irrelevant.

Whitfield King & Co., write as follows, and we thank them for their interest:

"The paragraph under 'Nauru' in Mekeel's Weekly of June 16th is rather amusing. Why should your correspondent expect to receive letters from Rabaul franked with Nauru stamps? He might as well expect letters from New York with Mexican stamps, or from London with French stamps. Nauru is an island situated about 30 miles south of the Equator and is under the civil administration of the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific at Suva, Fiji. Nauru postage stamps are available only at Nauru. Rabaul is the capital of late German New Guinea (New Britain, New Ireland, the Admiralty Islands, etc.) which together with the Northern Solomon Islands of Buka and Bougainville are under the military administration of the Commonwealth of Australia and in these places the only postage stamps available are those of Australia overprinted 'N. W. Pacific Islands.'"

Norway.—*Stamp Collecting* chronicles a new value in the current, re-engraved, type, issued (received from the printers June 26th and distributed to post offices June 27th) June 27th. This stamp replaces, according to our contemporary's authority, Mr. Henrik Dethloff, the 30 ore stamp for parcel postage, the rate being raised from 30 ore to 40 ore, from 50 ore to 65 ore, and 75 ore to 90 ore, going into effect on July 1st.

On July 1st, the local postage rate was withdrawn, and a local letter will have to be franked with a 10 ore stamp; the 5 ore stamp will only be used for supplementing purposes.

The new stamp is watermarked a posthorn and is perforated 14½x13½.

Adhesive.

40 ore gray-green.

Roumania.—(1375)—There is much interesting information contained in an article in *The West-End Philatelist* and we take the liberty of copying the following from that publication:

"Roumanian Relief Stamps.

"Reverting to the article published in our issue No. 151, of September last, we are now informed by the same valued correspondent, that the 'grayish paper' used in June and July, 1916, for the green 5 bani stamp (head of King Charles I.), and subsequently for the 'Weaver' type stamps, was very soon superseded by white paper, which latter is still in use, so that the stamps issued on the grayish tinted paper are already rare.

The complete list of these stamps can therefore be summarized as follows:—

5b green (Head of King Charles).
5b green on grayish (same design).
5b black (Weaver).
5b black on grayish (Weaver).
10b rose (Head of King Charles).
10b dull claret on grayish (Weaver).
10b dull claret (Weaver).

All these seven varieties are known perforated as follows:—

13½, comb machine, and 11½, 13½, and compound 11½x13½ and 13½x11½, ordinary.

The aforesaid five perforations were likewise made use of for the 5 and 10 bani 'Unpaid Letter' stamps of the 'Relief Stamps' (Timbru de Ajutor) class.

The 50 bani, orange on white, Head of the late King, surcharged as above mentioned, was never used for postage, but merely as a tax on the berth-tickets of the sleeping cars of the 'International Sleeping Car and Great European Express Trains Company' of Brussels, for the Roumanian lines."

To reach a more definite understanding of the above, we quote below the article referred to by our esteemed contemporary, which appeared in their edition of September last:

"A correspondent supplies us with the following information:—

We have seen a new Roumanian Relief stamp, issued August 1, 1916, the design of which recalls the Roumanian Charity stamps of 1906 (second set), showing the late Queen Elizabeth (Carmen Sylva) weaving.

In the new Relief stamp we see a Roumanian peasant woman, in the national costume of that country, working the customary handloom. Above is the name 'Romania', and below, the wording, 'Timbru de Ajutor' (relief stamp). In the lower left corner is the value: 5 Bani.

5 Bani, black on grayish paper, perf. 13½.

A small quantity of the former Relief stamp (1914), viz., the typographed '5 Bani', green on white, of 1908, surcharged 'Timbru de Ajutor' in black, was (during the months of June and July, 1916), printed on the said 'grayish tinted paper' intended for the above chronicled new stamp. We have seen a copy of such temporary stamp, and now add to the list:

5 Bani, green on grayish, surcharged 'Timbru de Ajutor' in black, perforated 13½, comb-machine.

Our informant has seen this stamp perforated 13½, just like the new stamp (not comb-machine)."

NOTICE.

Washington, Aug. 8, 1917.

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EGYPT, Pictorial 1, 2, 3, 4m, on orig. cover.
"EGYPT," book by R. E. R. Dalwick.
"GAMBIA," book by R. E. R. Dalwick.
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"HAWAII", book by Luff-Howes-Richards.
*HAYTI, 1898 Unpaid, 2, 5, 10c Catalog .22
* 1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms ..... " .30
*HONDURAS 1891, 2, 5, 10 pesos.. " .30
* 1890, 25c-1p, 6 var. ..... " .32
* 1891, 25c-5p, 8 var. ..... " .38
* 1892, 1c-1p, comp. ..... " .37
*INDORE "SERVICE", cplt. set Catalog .50
ITALY, packet of 50 all different.
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*MEXICO 1884, 50c, 1p and 2p .... " .24
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*NO.BORNEO '09.1,2,3.4.5.6c picture stamps.
"OAXACA". Book by Enfield.
*PANAMA 1892-6, 10, 20, 50c .....Cat. .80
* 1906, Nos. 181-2-3-4 ..... " .90
"PENNY ALL THE WAY", book by Melville.
PERSIA, packet of 25 all different.
ROUMANIA JUB. '06.10b, 1,5.10b, pict.set
*SALVADOR 1893, 2p, 5p .....Cat. .24
SALVADOR '11 Official comp.,1c-1col Cat. .89
* 1897, 1c, 5c four colors ..... " .47
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*TRANSVAAL 1885, ½p on 3p, No.134 " .60
* 1893, ½p on 2p, No. 142 ..... " .40
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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

CHAPTER XVI.

The King Christian X Issue.

On the death of his father, King Frederick VIII, King Christian X ascended the throne of Denmark in 1912, but no change was made in the stamps of the Danish West Indies until 1915, although the mother country had issued stamps bearing the new ruler's portrait as early as 1913. With the exception of the central portrait the new stamps are similar to those of the 1908 series. The portrait of King Christian is shown in profile looking to the right. Only the 5b and 25b values were sent to the islands in 1915 though all denominations were distributed through the Postal Union in the usual way and on the evidence of these "specimen" sets the stamps were listed in most of the catalogues. In one case at least they were also priced though, of course, the publishers had none for sale! A few weeks before the transfer of the islands to the United States a small quantity of the 10b, 15b, 20b, 30b, 40b, and 50b, were sent to the West Indies and divided among the offices at St. Thomas and St. Croix. A few new issue dealers who had deposits at St. Thomas against the arrival of the new stamps received from two to five sets each while the small balance was placed on sale to the general public. Each applicant was restricted to the purchase of not more than two complete sets and when it was known that the stamps were on sale the post offices were besieged and in less than two hours all the stamps had been sold. Owing to the smallness of the supply received there was much speculation as to the worth of these stamps and in a very short while sets were changing hands at fancy prices ranging all the way up to $25.

A small stock of the stamps were retained in Denmark and these were eventually placed on sale at Copenhagen. How many were in this lot and who were invited to bid for them I have been unable to discover, but as we go to press Danish dealers and speculators were asking from $1.50 to $2.00 per set for them wholesale. The actual value of the stamps is, therefore, problematical but used specimens antedating the transfer of the islands to the United States Government are probably quite scarce. In 1913 the Crown which had served as the watermarked device for all the stamps of Denmark, Danish West Indies and Iceland issued prior to that date was superseded in favor of a design of multiple crosses, and the new series for the Indies described above were printed on this new paper. The perforation gauges 13½x14½.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Finis!

The end of the Danish West Indies as a dependency of Denmark and as a stamp issuing country dates from March 31st, 1917, when the islands were formally transferred to the United States and were changed in name to the "Virgin Islands of the United States." The actual transfer took place on the three islands simultaneously at four o'clock in the afternoon The official ceremonies commenced when Commander Pollock landed from the cruiser Hancock under a salute of 15 guns and proceeded to the officers' barracks at St. Thomas, where the transfer protocol was signed. The Danish Governor then proclaimed the transfer and the Danish flag was lowered amid salutes and the singing of the Danish national anthem. Commander Pollock proclaimed the cession and the American flag was hoisted, accompanied by salutes and the singing of the American anthem. There were no demonstrations but many in the crowd wept during the profound and impressive silence which followed the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes.

On the same day the ceremonies at Washington incidental to the transfer of the Danish West Indies to the United States took place in the famous diplomatic room at the State Department. Secretary McAdoo handed the draft for $25,000,000 to Secretary Lansing who in turn handed it to the Danish Minister. Immediately after the warrant had been signed and delivered, Minister Brun notified his government to turn the islands over to the American naval officer in St. Thomas.

The photograph serving as our frontispiece is an interesting memento of this historic event. It shows standing from left to right: Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral James H. Oliver, newly appointed Governor of the Danish West Indies; Danish Minister, Mr. Constantin Brun; Sect. of State Robert Lansing, and Sect. of the Treasury William G. McAdoo.

It is an historical irony that these islands should pass into the hands of this government formally at this time in view of the known wishes of Germany that the United States should not obtain possession of them and the fact that the Berlin government is generally understood to have been responsible for the rejection by one branch of the Danish Parliament some years ago of a treaty which would have transferred them to the United States for $3,000,000 instead of the present purchase price of $25,000,000.

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	1902 Issue.		
300	1c blue-green†	.03	.02
302	3c purple	.10	.05
303	4c brown	.12	.06
304	5c blue	.15	.07
305	6c claret	.18	.12
306	8c slate	.20	.10
307	10c reddish-brown	.25	.12
	1903 Issue.		
314	2c carmine†	.06	.04
314	2c aniline carmine, pink back		.25
314b	2c carmine-rose	.25	.20
314c	2c scarlet	.15	.05
	1904 Issue (St. Louis).		
315	1c green	.05	.04
	1907 Issue (Jamestown).		
320	1c green†	.05	.03
321	2c carmine†	.06	.04
322	5c blue	.15	.07
	1908 Issue (Double line wmk.).		
323	1c green†	.03	.02
324	2c carmine†	.05	.04
329	8c olive	.18	.10
330	10c yellow	.30	.15
332	15c ultramarine	.35	.25
323a	1c imperf.†	.05	.03
324a	2c imperf.	.08	.04
896	10c green Special†	.25	.15
	1909 Issue (Commemoratives).		
335	2c Lincoln†	.06	.04
335a	2c imperf.	.08	.05
335b	2c bluish paper	.30	.23
336	2c Alaska†	.06	.04
337	2c Hudson†	.06	.04
	1910 Issue (Single line wmk.).		
338	1c green†	.03	.02
339	2c carmine†	.05	.04
340	3c violet	.06	.05
341	4c brown	.08	.06
342	5c blue†	.10	.07
343	6c orange†	.12	.08
344	8c olive	.18	.10
338a	1c imperf.†	.05	.03
338d	1c ver. coil perf. 8½†	.05	.03
338d	1c line pair	..	.12
338d	1c line strip of four	..	.18
338d	1c paste up pair	..	.12
338d	1c paste up strip four	..	.18
339d	2c ver. coil perf. 8½†	.06	.04
340c	3c hor. coil perf. 8½†	.12	.05
340c	3c line pair	..	.20
340c	3c line strip of four	..	.30
340c	3c paste up pair	..	.20
340c	3c paste up strip four	..	.30
342a	5c hor. coil perf. 8½†	.12	.15
342a	5c line pair	..	.50
342a	5c line strip of four	..	.75
342a	5c paste up pair	..	.50
342a	5c paste up strip four	..	.75
342a	5c used pair	..	.18
	1912 Issue.		
355	1c green†	.02	.02
355	1c impression on reverse	..	.25
355	1c overinked plate	..	.30
355	1c break in line under "E" of "CENT" (from plate 7788)	..	.50
356	2c carmine†	.04	.04
356	2c pale shade	..	.10
356	2c line pair "Schermack"	..	.20
356	2c paste up pair same	..	.20
357	7c black	.12	.09
358a	8c olive-green	.15	.10
359	9c salmon†	.16	.11
360	10c orange†	.18	.12
362	15c gray†	.25	.17
364	30c vermilion	.50	.35
364	30c precan. San Fran.	.08	.03
	50c violet San Fran.	.18	.05
355b	1c ver. coil perf. 8½†	.04	.03
355b	1c line strip of four	..	.18
356b	2c ver. coil perf. 8½†	.05	.04
356b	2c line strip of four	..	.24
355c	1c hor. coil perf. 8½†	.04	.03
356c	2c hor. coil perf. 8½†	.05	.04
356c	2c line strip of four	..	.24
356c	2c paste up strip four	..	.24
	1912 Issue (San Francisco).		
347	1c green†	.02	.02
347	1c impression on reverse†	..	.15
348	2c carmine†	.04	.04
349	5c blue†	.08	.07
350	10c orange	.15	.13
350	10c orange used	.05	.03
350a	10c yellow†	.25	.13
350a	10c yellow used	.08	.03
	(San Francisco perf. 10).		
351	1c green†	.02	.02
352	2c carmine†	.04	.04
353	5c blue†	.08	.08
354	10c orange used	.05	.03
	1914 Issue (Perf. 10).		
369	1c green†	.02	.02
370	2c carmine†	.04	.03
371	3c violet†	.05	.04
371	3c aniline, pink back	..	.25
372	4c brown†	.07	.05
373	5c blue†	.08	.06
374	6c orange	.09	.08
375	7c black	.10	.09
376	8c olive	.12	.10
377	9c salmon†	.14	.11
378	10c yellow†	.15	.12
378a	11c blue-green†	.16	.13
379	12c maroon	.18	.14
379a	12c copper	.20	.20
381	20c ultramarine	.30	.23
370f	2c hor. coil perf. 10†	.05	.04
370e	2c ver. coil perf. 10†		.05
370e	2c line strip of four	..	.30
370e	2c paste up strip four	..	.30
372a	4c hor. coil perf. 10†	.08	.15
372a	4c line strip of four	..	.90
372a	4c paste up strip four	..	.90
370eR	2c ver. coil Rotary†	..	.04
370eR	2c line pair	..	.12
370eR	2c line strip of four	..	.20
369bR	1c hor. coil Rotary†	..	.02
369bR	1c line strip of four	..	.10
370fR	2c hor. coil Rotary†	..	.04
370fR	2c line strip of four light carmine	..	.20
	Rose-red	..	.20
373aR	5c hor. coil Rotary†	..	.07
388	2c wmkd. perf. 11 centred†	..	.30
	Little off center†	..	.15
	1916 Issue (No wmk. perf. 10).		
	1c green†	..	.02
	2c carmine†	..	.03
	3c violet†	..	.04
	4c brown	..	.05
	6c orange†	..	.07
	7c black†	..	.08
	10c yellow	..	.12
	11c blue-green†	..	.13
	12c maroon†	..	.14
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The postal administration of Canada has informed this Department that the value of the 1-cent and 2-cent Canadian postage stamps having the words "war tax" printed upon them is equal to the face value of said stamps plus the 1-cent war tax. Consequently, articles prepaid in full by means of the above-mentioned 1-cent and 2-cent stamps, respectively, having the words "war tax" printed upon them should not be charged with postage due on delivery.

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THE A. P. S. AT ALEXANDRIA BAY.

By Dr. Holland A. Davis, Secretary.

The A. P. S. Convention assembled in the Convention Hall, Tuesday, August 14, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M., President C. A. Howes presiding.

After the report of the Committee on Credentials the President read his annual report which was received and placed on file. A copy will be furnished the Weekly for its use.

Then followed the reports of the Vice Presidents, the Secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, the Treasurer, C. F. Heyerman, and other officials and committees.

Telegrams and letters of greeting were read from F. H. Burt, Carroll Chase, Wm. C. Stone, Gen. C. A. Coolidge, Wm. E. Ault, the New York Stamp Society, Clifford Kissenger, E. T. Wallis and Erwin L. Fischer.

Reports were received from the various Branch Societies and these communications were referred to the proper committees. President Howes announced the entertainment program for the afternoon and the first session of the convention adjourned.

The second session was held 10 a. m., Wednesday, President Howes in the chair. President Howes announced that Joseph B. Leavy, in charge of the Government collection at the United States National Museum, Washington, would read a paper describing the United States collection.

Mr. Leavy's paper was timely and full of interesting facts. An interesting discussion followed this paper.

On motion of Alvin Good, Mr. Leavy's paper will be published in an early number of the *American Philatelist*, other than the yearbook, in order that it might receive the attention it merits.

On motion of Mr. Wolsieffer the Society extended an unanimous vote of thanks to Mr. Leavy and to the United States Government in deputizing their representative to deliver the paper.

President Howes announced the following committees:—

Finance: Alvin Good, P. M. Wolsieffer, H. F. Dunkhorst.

Library: H. H. Elliott, H. T. Painter, Dr. T. H. Tubman.

Sales Dept.: Jos. B. Leavy, J. C. Miller, Aug. Ballman.

Branch Societies: F. Michael, R. B. House, J. A. Galbraith.

Resolutions: C. C. Silvester, J. C. Hoffstetter, C. I. Lott.

Next Convention: J. W. Stowell, H. J. Larsen.

By-Laws: President Howes, J. W. Scott, H. H. Wilson, H. A. Davis, C. F. Heyerman.

Immediately after adjournment the members and their guests assembled on the river bank for a group photograph.

The third session of the Convention was held at 10 a. m., Thursday, August 16, President Howes in the chair. The secretary read a telegram of greeting from Carl Koslosky.

A motion offered by Mr. Michael was carried providing for the printing of a "Join the American Philatelic Society" card and sending a copy to the branch societies, with a circular letter, requesting proper display.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by the chairman, Mr. Good, and adopted.

The report of the Library Committee was read by the chairman, Mr. Elliott, and adopted.

It was recommended that $100 be appropriated for the upkeep of the Society and the recommendation was adopted.

The Convention voted to refer the investigation of the offer of Mr. Dorpat's Library, to the assistant librarian, Mr. Daum, he to report to the Board of Directors for their final decision.

The report on the Sales Dept. was read by Mr. Leavy, chairman. The report recommended that the practice of including damaged stamps in books be continued provided such stamps be noted as damaged; also that junior members be admitted to all privileges of sales circuits. Recommendations adopted.

The report of Committee on Branch Societies was read by the chairman, Mr. Michael, and accepted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mr. Hoffstetter. Upon recommendation of the Committee, the Society ordered that a sum of $1000 of the surplus funds of the Society be invested in the next Liberty bond loan, also that members of the A. P. S. engaged in active military service of the United States or its allies should have dues rebated during the period of the war.

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514	1c Interior	.18	.18	.14	.07
515	2c Interior	.05	.05	.04	.03
516	3c Interior	.30	.06	.04	.02
517	6c Interior	.30	.06	.04	.02
518	10c Interior	.40	.25	.18	.13
519	12c Interior	.40	.28	.22	.13
520	15c Interior	.45	.28	.22	.14
521	24c Interior	.60	.40	.30	.20
522	30c Interior	.70	.40	.30	.20
523	90c Interior	2.10	1.35	1.10	.62
524	1c Justice	.90	.90	.80	.45
525	2c Justice	2.00	1.65	1.40	.90
526	3c Justice	1.25	.60	.45	.30
529	12c Justice	1.75	1.35	1.20	.80
532	30c Justice	..	8.00	6.50	5.00
534	1c Navy	.75	.55	.45	.30
535	2c Navy	.65	.30	.22	.15
536	3c Navy	1.00	.30	.22	.14
537	6c Navy	.60	.28	.21	.13
538	7c Navy	8.00	5.00	4.25	..
539	10c Navy	1.50	1.00	.75	.50
540	12c Navy	1.00	.75	.65	.35
541	15c Navy	2.00	1.40	1.10	.65
546	1c Post Office ...	.20	.15	.12	.07
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It was voted that files of the *American Philatelist* be held for such members until the close of the war.

Voted also that a sum of $250 be appropriated as an entertainment fund for the next convention if needed.

The report of the Committee on Next Convention, chairman, Mr. Larsen, recommended that the choice of a convention city for 1918 be confined to the middle west, the site to be selected by the Board of Presidents. It was so voted.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was read by President Howes. The recommendation was adopted that the following amendment be made to Art. X, Sec. 4, by adding to the first paragraph of this article and section the words "or be eligible to hold the offices of President, Secretary or member of the Governing Board."

A motion was made providing for a Life Membership to be instituted, the fee to be $20.00. The proposition was referred to the next convention, and in the meantime applications would be received subject to confirmation in the order received.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for their services.

The outgoing president, C. A. Howes, expressed his appreciation of the support by his assistants and the membership at large.

John W. Scott, the newly elected president, thanked the Association for the honor conferred.

The thanks of the Association were tendered to Mr. Kellet, secretary of the Board of Trade, and to all others who had assisted in providing for the Association.

P. M. Wolsieffer, acting on behalf of Mr. W. C. (Sine Die) Stone, moved the adjournment of the Convention.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We are indebted to Herman W. Boers for a war cover of more than ordinary interest. The letter was mailed on the S. S. "Mongolia" and addressed to a business house in Detroit. There is written in the upper corner the inscription "In Active Service. Stamps Unavailable. England." The Liverpool cancellation reads as follows:—"Paquebot—Posted at Sea—Received 28 Jy 17—Liverpool." Without doubt various interesting covers will be produced in coming months.

—We have received from Geo. A. Hall of Winnipeg a picture of the "Fathers of the Confederation," from which we shall have a halftone made. We are also indebted to W. J. E. Wyllie, of Kamloops, Can., for a similar courtesy.

—Elmer F. Smith of Pontoosuc, Ill., can get no replies to letters sent K. D. Lindsay, D. D. S., 760 S. Main St., Akron, O. If any other dealers are similarly situated write Mr. Smith.

—The new *Illinois Philatelist* has purchased the subscription list and good-will of the *Philatelic Sun*, of Lynn, Mass. The value of the purchase is enhanced by the fact that the *Sun* had second class rates. H. J. Schmidt is now associated with R. R. Eisendrath in the publishing of the Illinois paper.

—During the S. P. A. convention at Minneapolis, C. E. Severn, C. W. Kissinger and Dr. H. A. Davis called on Burt McCann one evening and spent a couple of hours. Mr. McCann sending us in a couple new subscriptions expresses his appreciation of the courtesy extended.

—Anyone having a claim against J. A. Yunker, 649 S. Jackson St., Louisville, Ky., is requested to send the same to the Inspector in Charge, P. O., Louisville, Ky. Correspondence having a bearing on claims will be welcome.

—J. B. Ouellet informs us that the new Canada 3c Confederation stamp will shortly be ready, in accordance with an official communication received from Ottawa.

—Fernald Hutchins, a long time member of the Boston Philatelic Society, has gone into the Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, N. Y.

—All our Aeroplane Mail leaflets have been sold to A. H. Pike of Buffalo, N. Y., with the exception of ten held for our subscribers' needs. The leaflet will soon be dropped from our published list and anyone interested should write us.

—We want a half dozen copies of Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, 1914, to complete files. We offer two foreign exchanges for each copy mailed to Beverly, Mass., in the original folds.

—In a recent letter from C. Whitfield King of the firm of Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England, mention was made of the war and the news item will be of interest to our wide circle of readers. It will also be noted that Mr. King's son, who has been actively engaged in the stamp business for a number of years is in the service. We quote as follows:—

"I am much obliged for your kind enquiries and am glad to say that none of the recent air-raids have touched Ipswich, but the last one on Sunday the 22nd inst. did some damage at Felixstowe, twelve miles from Ipswich. I motored over the same morning with some wounded soldiers from a local hospital and found two houses had been blown up and eleven persons killed and twenty-six injured but no damage of any military importance was done. My son is at present attached to a wireless telegraph station at one of the naval bases and is quite well and contented, but naturally he will be glad when the war is over and can get back to business. I shall be only too thankful to get his help again."

—Attention is called to the advertisement of the Zema Co., elsewhere in this issue. Its manager, Mr. Brown, has entered the service.

—"I just received word this morning that Dr. S. J. Caswell of Rockford, Ill., who was at one time a member of the A. P. S. (No. 1665) passed away Aug. 2nd. I have never met Mr Caswell personally, but have had business relations with him for many years, and always found him strictly honest and prompt in his dealings, and one with whom it was a pleasure to do business with. He was a collector of entires as well as adhesives."—D. T. EATON.

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Costa Rica 1903,	6c bar canc.	.06
	1907, 20c bar canc.	.08
Germany 1916,	2½, 7½, 15pf	.06
U. S. 1912-15,	50c	.08
	1912-15, $1.00	.25
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	2p violet; used	.02
	2p violet, No. 140	.07
1881	1p green, used	.15
	2p brown, used	.02
1884	½p rose, used	.18
	1p green	.03
	2p violet	.02
	3p ochre	.02
1886	½p rose, used	.02
	1p green, used	.01
	4p red	.02
	6p blue	.03
1891	2½ brown red on yellow	.03
1901	½p, 1p, 2p, 2½p, used	.04
	3p brown orange	.02
	6p emerald green	.03
1895	2d postage due, unused	.07

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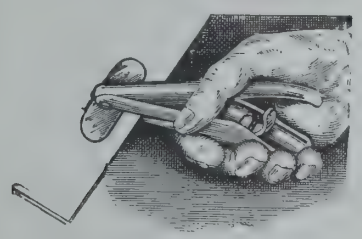
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(Continued from page 254.)

Twenty-four Cents.—Portrait of George Washington, facing to the right, the smallest in the series. Bordering the panel containing the portrait is a hexagonal lathe-work design, bearing the inscriptions "U. S. Postage" and "Twenty-four Cents" respectively at top and bottom. Five small stars appear outside the border at each side, while three larger stars are placed at the top center. In the upper corners, the Arabic numerals "24" appear in ornamented ellipses, while a large star in the lower left corner bears the letter "U" and a similar star in the right corner the letter "S".

No plate differences are known to exist in the twenty-four cent stamp of the two printings, and the August issue is only distinguishable by the color, which is a bright violet, distinctly different from the later printings, which range from red lilac to slate and steel blue.

Thirty Cents.—Profile portrait of Benjamin Franklin, looking toward the left, in circle framed by white line. A label above the circle bears the usual inscription "U. S. Postage" and a similar label below bears the value "thirty cents." The Arabic numerals "30" are inclined in each corner in an ellipse, and the letters "U." and "S." appear in the lower left and right corner respectively.

Like the twenty-four cent, no plate varieties of the thirty cent value are known, and the August printing is distinguished by the red-orange color.

Ninety Cents.—Portrait of George Washington in military uniform, facing three-quarters front looking toward the left, in oval, surrounded by a white line, bordered by an oval frame, bearing inscription of value "ninety cents" at bottom and numerals "90" at upper sides. Across the top is a ribbon bearing the inscription "U. S. Postage" while the letters "U" and "S" appear in the lower corners. At the extreme top center an angle is formed by two lines.

In the September issue a strong line of color has been added to the apex of the angle, and small dashes have been added to the white space between the lines forming the angle.

A change in postal rates in 1863 created the need of a two cent stamp, and this value was issued for the first time. This stamp, which is familiar to nearly every collector, bears a full-face portrait of Andrew Jackson, filling practically the entire stamp. The usual inscriptions and numerals of value appear. This stamp was issued in full black.

Bisects of the 2c were made in certain small towns to cover a shortage of one cent stamps, but these are very scarce, and to be authentic, must of course be on original cover with cancellation covering the cut.

Several distinct double transfers and minor plate varieties may be found on this stamp.

New printings of the various values were of course made in the period from 1861 to 1867, resulting in numerous shades. The five cent value was changed to red-brown and later to brown and black-brown instead of buff, as originally issued.

A new value was needed in 1866 to cover the registration fee of 15c and accordingly, a stamp of this denomination bearing a portrait of Abraham Lincoln, with usual inscriptions, was issued. The color ranges from full black to gray black.

Grilled Stamps.

During the years 1860-67 attention was devoted to means of preventing the removal of cancellations from stamps. The cancelling sometimes was done by pen and ink, and it was possible to remove the cancellation in cases. Numerous ways of overcoming this evil were devised, and some were experimented with, such as the chemical papers requiring acid cancellation, or turning in color when acid was used for cleaning; the cutter, which impressed a small hole in the stamp as well as cancelling it with ink; and other schemes.

The most important of these patents was granted to Charles F. Steel for a device, known as a grill, which was impressed into the stamps at time of manufacture, so that the paper fibre was broken and would absorb the cancelling ink. This device, with modifications, was used on all stamps printed during the period of 1867 (May or August) to 1870 inclusive.

The grill consisted of a rectangle composed of rows of small points and was impressed into the stamps by passing a roller bearing the grill over the paper, under pressure. The points on the grill were built in pyramid shape, and two varieties known as "points up" and "points down" were made, according to the side of the paper with which the roller came in contact. In the early grills, the entire stamp was covered. The 3c, 5c, and 30c are known thus, and are quite rare, (the 3c being the commonest of the values).

The grill was altered to a size measuring 18x15 mm. and the 3c value issued thus. A further reduction in size to 13x 16 mm. was made, and was used on the 3c. The grill was again reduced to 12x14 mm., and used on the 2c and 3c. Later, it was again reduced to 11x13 mm. and used on the 1c, 2c, 3c, 10c, 12c and 15c. This grill was in use for quite a period.

A final reduction to 9x13 mm. was made, and all values of the series were issued, grilled in this size. This is the most common of the grills. Collectors experience considerable difficulty with the grills for the reason that they are extremely difficult to measure, as the stamps were put under pressure which flattened out the grill somewhat. Poor impressions of the roller are also responsible for the trouble in measuring grills, and often lead to the appearance of sizes differing from the above measurements.

Various oddities of grilling exist, such as double, triple, and marginal grills.

(To be continued.)

THE MEANING OF "ARMENWET."

It is interesting to note that we have had no fewer than three "correct" translations of the word "armenwet" recently requested for Dictionary use. They are as follows:—(1) "Poor law"; (2) "Affairs of the poor"; (3) "Revenue for the poor."

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Latest—Our Washington correspondent, who in the past has kept us informed on the momentous questions of the day, in their philatelic relations, advises us that the revenue bill will soon become law and that in the variety of its taxes, it will make an impression on the philatelic as well as the public mind. The report that the error sheets are being sent out from Washington is not opposed by our correspondent who thinks, however, that any sheets of errors that were sent to offices recently were despatched unwittingly, from certain deductions that he has made. Even so, we cannot deny, on the basis of this information, the statement that has been made that the error sheets recently have been received by offices from Washington. The following tale of woe has been received and we admit that the case is one to excite the indignation of the victim. The firm by which the complainant is employed receives a huge mail, particularly from the states comprising the error belt and he has been searching industriously for used errors. He has not found the error but he avers that the misprints are removed by the postal clerks or someone in the service before the letters are delivered. He makes an exhibit of stampless envelopes that bears out his contention. The stamps that were on the certain envelopes did not fall off, it can be seen with half an eye; they were taken off.

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Press—The American Philatelic Service whose beneficent activities in spreading the gospel of philately in the newspaper press we lauded in a recent issue is proceeding on its triumphant way. The latest publication to accept its interesting pabulum is the *Evening Telegram* of New York City, which, in its issue of August 9th, 1917, gave prominence to an illustrated article, "Stamps of Warring Nations Barred to Collectors Here by Allied Control of the Sea." This syndicate material is of a superior philatelic grade and again, we bubble over with commendations of the dealers and any others who by their financial contributions make this progressive step possible. We assert without fear or denial that the fruits of this campaign will be felt by all philately in a few months; and it is not an idle surmise to say that a greater percentage of profit will accrue to all interested in financial philately through this broad gauge newspaper publicity.

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Memory—"I seem to have a fond recollection of once having answered one of your exchange notices in *Harpers' Young People* about 1882, when you offered 'pretty picture cards' for certain U. S. departmental stamps, comparatively common then. Am I right?" asks a reader whose letter-head impresses us. Yes, we "exchanged" somewhat frequently through the medium of that revered weekly, now in the publishing heaven where all good journals go, but how, in the name of all that mystifies, does this very busy man remember any such trivial affair of his boyish days. By our unbounded generosity in giving him more than he bargained for, in that deal of years agone? We know that we did offer "pretty picture cards" in our exchanges; and at any rate our correspondent may go to the head of the memory class.

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Revived—"If you will revive the old-fashioned collector series, I shall start the second episode with: What has become of the old-fashioned collector who counted that day lost when he did not swipe a stamp or two each time he looked at my collection?" writes a willing worker. We remember this o. f. c., who, it should have been added, took the precaution of blotting or otherwise maltreating the purloined stamps before he placed them in his album, so that the owner could not identify the specimens.

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Sprightly—We pause to give ear to a vivacious reader: "I know that you are tired, Mr. Editor, and that is why I am writing you to tell that I am about to originate the colorful school of philately. I am collecting only blue and yellow stamps, after our college colors. A pretty sentiment, is't not?" Thanks, heart'sease, for small favors, but you know that the man who announced that he collected black stamps only has long been on the boards.

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Wise—"The heathen Chinee, a la Bret Harte, may be peculiar but if he is, there are a good many of us who, likewise, are. I admit that I patronize a China boy laundry (notice to what length I go to avoid the use of 'Chink') but since I was driven from the ancestral home with its twenty-eight servants,—but why harrow your feelings? I asked the laundryman if he had any Chinese stamps, thinking that possibly I might bum a good stamp or two from him. He winked at me and disappeared, returning from the back room with an English album, which cheap though it was, contained above a thousand stamps, mostly Asiatic; and moreover all of the stamps were hinged. Sad to say, that exert all my persuasive powers as I would, I could not cajole Chew into giving me or selling me for a few cents each the half dozen or more stamps that he had that were worth a dollar or so apiece. Are there Chinese collectors and dealers?" The foregoing recital, clever though it is, shows that the narrator, experienced in many ways, does not appreciate the universality of philately. There are Chinese dealers and they are to be found usually outside of China, selling stamps in their shops. There are Chinese collectors, of course, but the number of them is small, no doubt. We believe that no philatelic journal has been published in China but for that matter, it was only comparatively recently that Japan has had a philatelic press.

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Rest—We have referred to the publishing heaven and we are afraid that the philatelic papers are somewhat obnoxious to their neighbors, not because of misbehavior but for the reason that there are so many of them that they are a "veritable crush." In his catalogue, the Earl of Crawford lists, speaking roughly, about 1200 stamp papers that through 1906 were published in the United States alone. During the past eleven years here, perhaps several hundred papers additionally have come and gone and thus, this country has been the more or less reluctant sponsor of nearly 1500 stamp journals, from first to last; and of this grand total, but three or four of those published in 1906 survive. The mortality records are headed by the stamp papers.

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Precanceled—Several months ago, a correspondent asked about the earliest precanceled stamps. The first precanceled stamps were of the three cent, 1851 issue, used by Wells, Fargo & Co., in their letter-forwarding capacity. Mr. Henry B. Phillips is our authority for the statement. The one cent of the 1870-79 issues, is known in several varieties of precancellation and the one cent blue of 1887 is generally regarded as the first stamp in precanceled albums. Our correspondent wants to know if there is a recent catalogue of precanceled stamps.

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Gone—A reader in Rockford, Illinois, Mr. R. H. Mower, informs us of the death in that city of Dr. S. J. Caswell, Rockford, Illinois, on August 2nd, 1917. Mr. Caswell, who was a doctor of medicine for many years, was a member of different local and national philatelic societies and as one of the oldest collectors in point of philatelic affiliation had many a tale to tell of the pioneer days and dealers. Dr. Caswell was an ardent collector who always had a particular regard for our revenue stamps. We deplore the taking away of a friend of many years' standing and of the loss to philately of one of its earliest and staunchest adherents.

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France—We are pleased to receive another card from Dr. Carroll Chase who for a long time now has been doing excellent work in the hospital service in France. He writes: "I am now stationed in old Orleans and am still in the French army. However, I'm content as my work is interesting and I have little time to get blue. I never lose my interest in stamps although I see nothing but current issues. Best regards." The address of Dr. Carroll Chase, our foremost regulator of the first three issues of the United States, is: "Medecin Aide Major, Hospital Militaire, No. 49, Orleans, Loiret, France."

SEEN AT THE CONVENTION.

By FRED MICHAEL.

President Howes called the A. P. S. convention to order with twenty-two members and sixteen visitors present. To me, one of the most distinctive features of the gathering as we were called to order, was the absence of many of the old-timers. How could we hold a convention without Deats, Batchelder, Stone and Wylie?

With the ladies busy knitting for our soldier boys or taking delightful trips over the beautiful waters, we the members gathered in the local "movie" house and President Howes stood bravely up with the white curtain for a background as he rapped for order.

The reports of the officers were read and greeted with hearty applause. How our membership increased in spite of the war and how the Society has prospered in other directions I shall leave to Secretary Davis and his associates to inform you.

In the evening the men-folks gathered in groups in the parlor for discussion and the swapping of stamps and experiences. To me this was the most interesting feature of the convention. Needless to say, the 5c error and the war issues proved the most popular topics of conversation.

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Leavy, who was sent to the convention by the Museum officials, and his paper will appear in the *American Philatelist*. A discussion followed, and it was developed that the U. S. Government welcomed contributions to its collection and that in connection with it Uncle Sam had a counterfeit collection. It was suggested that collectors and dealers should turn their contributions over to Mr. Leavy and Mr. Wolsieffer started the ball rolling by making the first donation. Mr. Leavy also brought out the fact that the postal authorities would frown on any further commemorative issues.

In the afternoon we sought enjoyment on the St. Lawrence River and in swift motor boats with their trails of foam we were carried into many wondrous places, around rocky picture islands, some pine clad, some but flower gardens, others no more than beautiful mansions apparently floating on the water. Then the dusk. The islands are lighted up, the stars twinkle, the black pines are silhouetted against the sky, and we are silenced, entranced by the beauty of this fairyland. Thus we close the day.

As the gavel is about to fall closing the convention, and as I see around me my fellow philatelists, I am convinced that these conventions do a vast amount of good for philately, cementing friendships and inspiring the confidence that can only come with the knowledge that there are other men working for the same goal as ourselves. We should cheerfully and freely assist each other, and our first step in so doing is to join the American Philatelic Society and aid it wherever we can.

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THE STAMP DEALER AND HIS STOCK.

Getting Business.

(This chapter is taken from the book by Bill Bloss and gives one a fair idea of the contents of this book. It sells for 10c. Mr. Bloss has had a wide experience as a dealer and his views will prove of great value to anyone who thinks of establishing a stamp business. This article will be a timely one, in view of the fact that a new season's business is opening.—Ed.)

In every industry that depends upon selling goods, the selling end is the most important, and is the division that receives the most attention from the executive in charge. No matter how profitably the merchant buys his stock, or prepares it for sale, if his methods of drawing sales are at fault, his business will suffer. Since it is the sales department that brings in the money, it is highly important that that branch of the business be the most perfect in the whole organization.

The work of the Sales Department may be divided into two classes:

Getting the Business.

Service, or Keeping the Business.

Publicity is the recognized business builder in all lines. There are many ways of gaining publicity, but all tend to influence sales. A concern may have a good or bad reputation, according to its merits, and since this reputation is publicity in a certain sense, it is necessary that the good name of the house be maintained. In these days of competition, every concern must

Give Absolute Satisfaction

and service or fall by the wayside. The concern that can deliver the goods the way the people want them and is not afraid to back their product to the limit will gain a reputation that is the best possible advertising.

I have paid considerable attention to the advertising feature of modern business, and believe I can offer a few hints to the new dealer, (possibly one or two to some of the old fellows, as not a few seem to know little of this most important end of their business). Let us imagine that we are in charge of a stamp business, and are "after the customers." We have an advantage over the real dealer, inasmuch as we can do anything we please. We are unlimited in our stock—of imagination.

Advertising begins farther back than the columns of the paper, or the circular letter. It begins when the first stock is purchased.

Let Us Cite Two Examples:

Anderson has ideas on advertising and decides to feature a certain line of stamps, say the stamps of America. Accordingly, he designs two series of books. One series is by countries, the other is sold at large discounts to work off the "culls" and stamps out of his line, or surplus stock. He wishes to feature the first as "Anderson's American Approvals," accordingly he buys his stock with the intention of making the finest possible series of American approvals. The picked copies he lays aside for his first class series, and the others he discards for sale through the cheaper books. Whenever he buys a lot, he considers the salability through his books, and the advertising possibilities of the lot. He intends to make a name for his series, and to help his advertising, he designs a unique campaign featuring

"Anderson's American Approvals."

This method will help him, inasmuch as it attracts attention, and keeps his name before the public.

Jones also intends to put out a series of approvals. He has little advertising ability, and cannot see the advantage of buying stock to feature any one line. Accordingly, he prepares a very ordinary set of books, including good, bad, and passable stamps in his books. He uses ordinary stock approval books, rubber stamps his name on the cover, and on his stationery, and does not adopt a trade name. He advertises as follows:

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from a large collection. 50 stamps free to every applicant who encloses 2c for postage.
H. E. Jones, Noplace, Iowa.

He offers not a thing to attract the collector's attention. His display, instead of featuring a name that the collectors can place his books by, announces that he has to offer just the same thing that some several hundred others are selling. His books themselves do not create any additional interest to the collector. His stock may be fine, but it is so carelessly prepared that the buyer is dissatisfied, and as a result, will certainly neglect to recommend H. E. Jones to his collecting friends. This, while it may not hurt Jones' reputation, will do nothing to increase his business.

A grocer may start business in a small town. His shop may be commonplace and his apples wormy, yet he will do business until competition comes along. Then he will either wake up, or close up. Competition is lively in the stamp business, and the successful dealer

Must Keep Abreast of the Times

or close up his shop. Business will not come to any dealer without attraction. Certain Eastern dealers do not advertise. Very well. But don't they advertise? True, you never see their name in print, but ask a New York collector where he can get such and such a stamp in fine condition. You have tried every dealer without success. He will tell you to go to the — Company, that their stock is very large and their service unexcelled. They have been doing business for forty years and carry a very large and fine lot of stamps. They never advertise, because they have the best possible advertising, a name for efficiency in supplying wants and service in handling orders. They may not know it, but every satisfied customer is an indirect advertisement. Therefore, they advertise.

Every dealer must attract attention in some way to himself, and put individuality into his business. Colman, of Washington, has won fame because he is known as the "Headquarters for U. S. & Colonies," "P. M." was well-known for his "Large Selections," Stanley Gibbons have gained note as "The People with the Goods," etc. Suppose that all of these dealers advertised "50% approvals." Would they draw trade from one another? Not in ten thousand years, unless each had something better than his rival. No buyer is going to patronize a dealer unless he believes he will do better there than elsewhere. If you want success in advertising,

Put Yourself Back of Your Product,

feature some line of your business and begin to advertise from the beginning. Of course, a good salesman can sell anything, but it is far easier to sell something good. Also, the people come back for more, and it is continued buying that spells profit, seldom the first or second order. Before you start to sell, prepare your goods in some attractive manner that can be featured.

It is not necessary to have a large stock, nor even a fine stock. Personally, I have a very small stock, yet I am selling with satisfactory results to patrons of the big dealers. Every dealer can offer something attractive to the public. It may be "1c approvals" of cheap stamps, or "Simplified Selections" for the beginner, or "Big Books" for the busy buyer, or "Square-deal Packets," according to the circumstances of the dealer.

It would be useless to outline unique methods in these columns, as a certain amount of originality must enter into every sales plan. Later, some of the schemes that have been successful and unsuccessful in advertising stamp business will be discussed, and we will continue the adventures of Anderson and Jones in the stamp business, and will show how they wrote good and bad copy. Let it be understood that the two examples named are truly fictitious and do not apply to any dealer, but the names are used merely to strengthen the copy.

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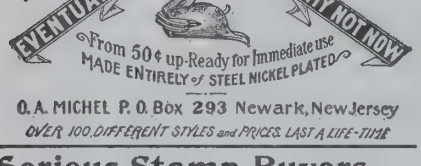
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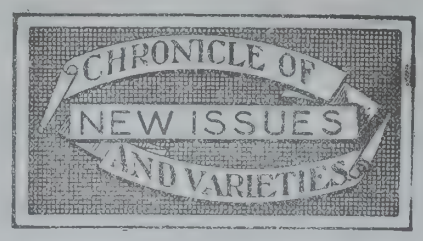
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UNITED STATES.—(1390)—Referring to the 6c coil (?) stamp submitted by Mr. C. A. Price and mentioned by us in the Chronicle of July 28th, we now hear again from Mr. Price and will publish his communications because they confirm our doubts that the stamp submitted was a coil stamp. Mr. Price's letter is as follows:

"I noticed in last week's news that you were correct in doubting the stamp I sent you for inspection. I have since taken the matter up with one of the commissioners at Charleston, W. Va., and am enclosing his reply, which you will note that they can throw no light on the subject."

The commissioner's letter to Mr. Price is as follows:

"Replying to your favor of the 26th relative to a 6c cancelled stamp and as to whether or not it was a coil of stamps from which this one was taken. I am writing to say we have no record of using anything but the regular sheets issued by the Charleston Post Office. The perforations must have been misleading in some way or were not perfectly cut, otherwise it would have shown that it was from the regular sheet.

(Signed) T. S. SCANLON, Sec.-Treas.,
State Road Commission."

We venture to guess that the sheets of precancelled stamps as used were cut apart with scissors, into horizontal rows for convenience in handling and attaching to envelopes, and that the perforations were cut off either the top or bottom edge.

Mr. D. T. Sanders writes and states that he has an unwatermarked 2c carmine stamp of the current type which he has measured up on the perforation gauge and finds that it will neither fit the 10 nor 9½ but measures 9¾ on the millimeter scale. There are only three ways of accounting for this measurement:

1. An inaccurate millimeter scale.
2. A privately perforated stamp.
3. That it comes from a sheet end which was last to go under the perforating wheels. In this case a slight pull by the operating machine may possibly cause a slight extra distance to occur between the perforating needles.

The perforated 10 stamps are very accurate, there being exactly 10 holes in the two centimeters, whereas the current perforated 11 stamps measure more exactly 10⅞.

We have given the above without seeing the item referred to, and this is the last time we will take cognizance of such matters unless they are submitted and postage enclosed for return.

Mr. T. J. Eppes submits two envelope stamps of 1907 superseded design, upright ellipse, one in carmine and the other in a dull wishy-washy rose shade, and asks if one of them isn't in an odd color. He also asks if they are still printing this design.

There are so many types and colors (shades and tints) of these stamps that it is a hard matter to enumerate them. However, we believe that for private return card envelopes, only the new design is used, while for some of the Post Office return card envelopes, some of the old design dies are still being used. However vague this information might be and if not accurate it makes little difference, as the dull rose shade comes on some of the earlier printings.

(1387)—Mr. T. J. Eppes shows us the "Illinois Centennial Celebration 1918" cancellation used in Springfield, Ill.

(1389)—Mr. Earl Harlow has described in a letter the cancellation and censor mark mentioned by Mr. Severn in his editorial of August 11th. The cancellation is "TRESOR ET POSTES" within a circle, with date. This is the French Military Service Post Office—or Field Post Office—cancellation, issued under the Ministry of the Treasury and Posts, and the actual translation of the inscription is "Treasure and Mails." This cancellation is in general use with the French field post offices, and is probably provisionally used by the United States Mail Agency in France, awaiting the Agency cancelling devices. Mr. Harlow had received a U. S. postal card with this cancellation, which also had the censor mark as described by Mr. Severn, an American eagle surrounded by "A. E. F. PASSED AS CENSORED —A.15.", in a circle, impressed in violet ink. The card was also "O.K'd" with a name, probably the censor.

We have received a letter from a navy officer on a U. S. S., the stamp on the envelope cancelled with four irregular bars about two inches long and each bar ⅛ of an inch thick, impressed in light blue ink. The censor mark in the same color ink is a double line oval, the outer line thicker than the inner, with "PASSED BY" at top, "CENSOR" at bottom, and the date across the middle, within the oval. This is initialed with the censor's initials.

ABYSSINIA.—(1388)—*Champion's Bulletin* lists the 2g blue with three line commemorative overprint, bringing the sets of four line and three line overprinted stamps to equal denominations.

The same publication chronicles provisional values surcharged on the three line overprint commemorative stamps; the surcharges consisting of large numerals.

Adhesive.

2g blue.

Provisional Adhesives.

½(g) on 8g vermilion and dull green.
½(g) on 8g vermilion and dull green.
1(g) on 16g vermilion and carmine.
2(g) on 16g vermilion and carmine.

ANTIGUA.—(1378)—*The Colonial Journal* for July, states "A supply of the ½d green 'Arms' design overprinted 'War Stamp' in red has been shipped." This confirms our mention of such a stamp in our Chronicle of May 26th.

CANADA.—(1388)—Mr. Geo. A. Hall sends us a clipping from a Canadian newspaper, which, although we cannot give credit to the original publisher, will bear re-printing here:

"Too much printing on cards.

"A correspondent calls attention to the fact that on the last issue of Dominion postcards (2c) the left half front of the card is taken up with statistics of Canada. The correspondent claims that this space belongs to the person who bought the card, and he is deprived of it, or to put it in another way, the postmaster general, without asking consent of parliament, has practically raised the price of postage on cards."

(1389)—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred very graciously adds to the list of plates as published in the Chronicle of August 11:

2c plates A103 to A106 inclusive.
5c plate 10.
20c plate 3.
1c (postage) War Tax plates A9 and A10.
2c (postage) War Tax plates A4, A7 and A8.
2c+1Tc (War Tax) plates A13 (red), A1 and A2 compound perf. (red), and A1, A2, A15, A16, A23, A27, A28, A33 to A46 inclusive (brown) A31 to A34, A37 to A43 inclusive with engine turned burele on margin (brown).

Mrs. Oughtred also states that examination of sheets of the ordinary 1c postage stamps at the Montreal Post Office disclosed the barest traces of plate numbers, not a letter or figure being legible.

(1389)—Mr. Harry G. Ream shows us the "Brockville Fair and Horse Show 1917 Aug. 20-23" advertising cancellation, from Brockville, Ontario.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—*The Colonial Journal,* for July, states: "A supply of 1½d war stamps has been ordered, and as no 1½d duty plate is in existence it has been decided to produce these stamps by overprinting the 2½d duty with the new value 1½d and the words 'War Stamp' in black. The 2½d stamps required for this purpose will be taken from a new supply of 2½d stamps which is in course of printing."

CEYLON.—*The Colonial Journal* states: "The 20 rupee postage and revenue stamps have been supplied from plate No. 5."

CHILE—(1385)—Mr. Benjamin Cadbury has shown us the 10c current adhesive in much deeper colors, dark blue and deep black in place of the earlier blue and gray-black (or blue-black).

Adhesive.

10c dark blue and deep black.

In our Chronicle of April 28th we mentioned three different shades of the current 2c. It is easy to perceive that the Dujardin printing presses are going to turn out many shades; two shades of the 5c having been mentioned in these columns, but we have actually seen four shades of this value.

Mr. Benjamin Cadbury is the first to show us a provisional envelope used from Chile, but we have no information as to when it was issued. It consists of the 2c green on bluish of 1911, portrait of Montt, surcharged:

10 10
10
DIEZ CENTAVOS

in black. The numerals being over the numerals "2" and the "Diez Centavos" being below the bottom of the stamp.

Envelope.

10c on 2c green on bluish.

DAHOMEY.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles a 15c in the 1913 type (Scott's type A5), perforated 13½x14.

Adhesive.

15c dark red and violet.

DOMINICA.—(1384)—The Rev. L. Meister informs us that Dominica is without war stamps, at least, for the present.

Advertising Chat

BREAKING UP HOUSEKEEPING.
(From the St. Cloud, Minn., Times.)
For sale cheap—1 carpet loom, 1 letter press, 1 set auto headlight deflectors, 1 kerosene oil heater, single harness and bride. Hubert Hansen.

—There is something wrong about this advt. and while one is trying to find out what is wrong the goods remain unsold. Does Mr. Hansen really want to dispose of a fractious wife, or is it a bridle he has for sale? It makes some difference, surely.

—When you write your advertisement take just as much pains as though you were talking to a man and trying to get his business. Some advertising copy comes to this office in such shape that out of sheer pity we typewrite it for the printer. It's a wonder Mr. Jewett makes so few mistakes in translating into English the copy that reaches him.

—These remarks do not apply to Mr. Sledd's copy. Note his big advt. this week. His copy was meat and drink to the compositor even as his offerings of stamps will be to the stamp man. This is Mr. Sledd's season-opener and we hope he will be with us frequently.

—Mr. Michael gives us a glimpse this week of his command of the English language. A later word from him is postmarked Montreal. If his ride around the islands at Alexandria could inspire such superb prose, I wonder what the swirling rapids of the St. Lawrence would produce. He is some word artist.

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Yvert & Tellier's (Champion's) catalog will be issued end Sept. Price raised this year. Prepaid orders, $1.45. Sent day received. A. C. ROESSLER, East Orange, N. J. *

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ECUADOR.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles new official stamps consisting of the values 1c, 2c, 3c and 4c, (Scott's Nos. 204 to 207) overprinted "OFICIAL" diagonally, reading up from the lower left to the upper right. The 1c, 2c and 3c have the overprint similar to the 1913 large "OFICIAL" and the 4c has the overprint in type similar to the 1886 "OFICIAL."

Official Stamps.

1c orange.
2c green.
3c black.
4c red and black.

FANNING ISLAND.—Mr. Robert V. Walton has received the current stamps of New Zealand franking mail from Fanning Island, and writes to us: "On Aug. 6th I received three covers from Fanning Island, all posted with the New Zealand stamps. As you may know, this island was included within the boundaries of the Gilbert & Ellice Islands, on Jan. 27th, 1916, but evidently the post office has not yet been transferred from the hands of the New Zealand authorities to those of the Gilbert & Ellice Islds."

We have no authority to quote regarding the above, so we put the matter up to our readers, who may be able to explain.

FINLAND.—(1384)—*Whitfield King & Co.'s List* publishes the following: "The Finnish Senate has now approved of new postage stamps which will be available both for inland and foreign correspondence. The design will consist of the Finnish arms in an oval, with wavy border inscription 'SUOMI' above, 'FINLAND' below, with values in corners. There will be ten denominations as follows: 2½ penni, gray; 5p green; 10p red; 20p yellow; 25p dark blue; 40p lilac; 50p olive-green; 1 mark brown; 5m violet; and 10m dark gray. On the three higher values the central design will be in gray. It is not known when the new stamps will be ready for issue."

FRENCH MOROCCO.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles a new Red Cross stamp for the French Bureaux in Morocco. The stamp of 1911, without "Protectorat Francais" has been utilized, and has been surcharged with the "+5" (small Paris) in red.

Red Cross Stamp.

+5c on 10c bright dark red.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—*(British Occupation.)*—(1378)—*The Colonial Journal* for July publishes the following: "Overprinted G. E. A. on East Africa Protectorate postage and revenue stamps, a supply of all duties has been despatched. The overprint is in block type of small size for the cent duties and wider, bold block type with square periods for the rupee values. The overprint is in red on the one cent, 50 cent, and one rupee, and in black on all other duties. The stamps are all printed from plates numbered 1."

The stamps referred to that have been overprinted are those of East Africa and Uganda Protectorates. The values and colors, we believe, are:

Adhesives.

1c black.	1r blk. on green.
3c green.	2r blk.& red on blue.
6c red.	3r grn. & violet.
10c orange.	4r grn. & red on yel.
12c gray.	5r violet & ultra.
15c ultramarine.	10r gr. & red on grn.
25c red & blk. on yel.	20r vio. & blk. on red.
50c violet and black.	50r green and red.
75c black on green.	

GREECE.—(1389)—Further denominations of the War Tax stamps have been put to use and a list in *Champion's Bulletin* is added to what we have already chronicled to make the following list to date:

War Tax Stamps.

1l on 1l red-brown.	1l on 80l blue fiscal.
1l on 3l orange.	5l on 10l blue fis.(R).
5l on 1l red-brown.	5l on 50l blue fiscal.
5l on 20l red-lilac.	5l on 60l blue fis. (R)
5l on 1d black.	5l on 80l blue fis.(R).
10l on 30l dull viol.	10l on 70l blue fiscal.
30l on 30l dull violet.	20l on 90l blue fiscal.
1l on 10l blue fiscal.	

The "K. P." on the stamps stands for "Kinonikis (social) Pronias (charity)."

HEDJAZ.—(1380)—The *London Philatelist* chronicles a new value added to the current set, having received a sheet of fifty from the Survey of Egypt.

Adhesive. Rouletted.

2½ pale magenta.

Mr. Eugene Klein shows us postage due stamps issued for the Kingdom of Hedjaz. They are upright rectangular stamps of Arabesque design divided into three parts, the center panel being almost square and twice the size of top and bottom panels. The general appearance of the designs is the same for all values but differ in minor details. The panel at top contains (in Arabic) "BAREED HEDJAZI" (Hedjaz Mail) and the one at the bottom contains (also in Arabic) "MUSTAHHIK" (Due), the center panels contain (in native Arabic) large numerals, on the 20 paras with "twenty" and "paras" respectively above and below the numeral, and on the 1 piastre and 2 piastres, "one" and "piastre" and "two" and "piastres" at the left and right of the numerals respectively. They are on unwatermarked coarse weave, though smooth surface, paper, rouletted in zigzag lines.

Postage Dues.

20pa red.
1pi blue.
2pi light magenta.

ITALY.—*(Post Offices in the Levant)*—(1388)—Mr. Frank Clark Cosby writes: "I have the 20c Italy, orange, overprinted 'Rodi'. It is on the new 20c same as Scott's type Italy A39—*not* on the No. 80, type A35, which I note you list also as having been issued."

This was properly chronicled on June 23rd. We would like to see the stamp mentioned in the Chronicle of August 4, the 1901 20c overprinted "Rodi", we having mentioned it on the authority of our French contemporary, *Champion's Bulletin*.

Champion's Bulletin chronicles the Italian 20c stamp of 1916 overprinted with the names of the several islands in the Aegean Sea occupied by Italy:

Adhesives.

20c orange, Calimno.	20c orange, Nisiros.
20c orange, Caso.	20c orange, Patmos.
20c orange, Cos.	20c orange, Piscopi.
20c orange, Karki	20c or'ge, Scarpanto.
20c orange, Leros.	20c orange, Simi.
20c orange, Lipso.	20c or'ge, Stampalia.

JAMAICA.—(1390)—(Our sub-title should have referred to 1389 instead of 1381 last week.) *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* for July 28th, publishes lists of varieties found on panes of the ½d, 1½d and 3d War Stamps with two line large type overprint. These varieties are in addition to those previously mentioned by our contemporary. They are: ½d. Period after W—"W.AR". Period after T—"ST.AMP." Period after A—"STA.MP." Smaller "A" and block type "R". "M" without serifs. Block type "P". Thick "P" and small raised period.

1½d. Smaller "A" and block type "R". "M" without serifs. Block type "P". Thick "P" and small raised period.

3d. Italic "P". Old Roman type "P". Stop after W—"W.AR". Stop after T—"ST.AMP." Stop after A—"STA.MP." Smaller "A" and block type "R". "M" without serifs. Block type "P". Thick "P" and small raised period. Extra large period.

LIBERIA.—(1388)—Further provisionals are chronicled by *Champion's Bulletin:*

Provisional Adhesives.

1c on 2c crimson and black (No. 103).
10c on 50c green and black (No. 110).

Provisional Official.

1c on 2c crimson and brown (No. 310).

The 10c on 50c adhesive and the 1c on 2c official come with six different types of surcharge.

LIECHTENSTEIN.—(1388)—Please correct our Chronicle of August 4th to read:

Adhesives.

3h violet.
15h red.

PANAMA.—(1385)—We are in receipt of a communication from Mr. Frank E. Greene which clears up the question put in our Chronicle of July 14th, referring to the misplaced 'A.R." overprint. Mr. Greene writes: "Concerning your exception as to the description of the shifted surcharge of the Panama 'A.R.' stamp as printed in 'The Stamp Trade' and reprinted in the WEEKLY of July 14th, I have to acknowledge that I made a mistake. I have no excuses to offer. The words: 'as does the last vertical row' should not have appeared for the last vertical row is identical with all of the vertical rows except the first which is correctly described."

REUNION.—A new 15c has been issued, (Scott's type A19), according to *Champion's Bulletin.*

Adhesive.

15c black and ultramarine.

RHODESIA.—The *London Philatelist* publishes the following: "Mr. F. H. Ansell has sent us a photo of a vertical pair of the 3sh stamps of 1896-7. The top stamp is perforated at top and both sides, but the bottom stamp is entirely imperf. The whole of the bottom row of the sheet apparently escaped perforation.

RUSSIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles Republican provisionals as being issued, consisting of various denominations of the 1913 Romanoff series, the small currency series, and the recently surcharged new value series, overprinted with crossed swords superimposed by a liberty cap. The sword hilts are at the top. At the left, top, and right, be-

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No. 163, 3c grn.,3c; No.166, 10c brn.&blk. .05
No. 167, 12c blue, 3c; No.184,10c gray grn. .01½
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1903, 2½	.15
1903, 3, 4, 5d, set	.45
1903, 6d	.20
1903, 1sh	.75
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tween the crossed swords are the words (in Russian): "Fraternity—Equality—Liberty."

Scott's numbers are referred to as being overprinted.

Adhesives.

4k red (91).
7k brown (92).
10k on 7k brown.
20k on 14k blue-grn.
35k violet & ~r. (98).
50k br. & gray (99).

Postal Currency.

10k blue (105).
15k brown (106).
20k olive (107).

It seems the stamps were sold at a premium, the amount over the postal value going to the Committee of the Soldiers for the benefit of the soldiers.

A postal card, some letter cards and envelopes also received the same overprint.

Postal Card.

4k red on buff (Tzar Peter).

Letter Cards.

3k red on bluish (Arms).
10k on 7k blue on bluish (Arms).

Envelopes.

3k on 5k lilac on white (Arms) (large).
3k on 5k lilac on white (Arms) (small).
20k on 14k blue-green on white (Catherine) (large).
20k on 14k blue-green on white (Catherine) (small).

ST. VINCENT.—(1382)—The Rev. L. Meister informs us of the receipt of a new printing of the 1d, London print, one line, War Stamps. Our correspondent states that the color is darker and the overprint a trifle thicker, otherwise the same.

SALVADOR.—A new series of stamps is now in use here and copies have been shown to us by Mr. F. P. Hand and the Pitman Stamp Co. The picture of a large building appears in the center, with the frames differing in each instance. "Correos El Salvador" appears at top and the value at the bottom, with the numerals of value at the sides, either at top, middle side, lower side, or lower corners. They are finely engraved, American Bank Note Co. style, are printed on unwatermarked white (bluish-white) wove paper, and are perforated 12. The values are:

Adhesives.

1c green.
2c vermilion.
5c dark blue.
6c purplish-blue.
12c violet.
17c orange.
29c black.

(1386)—The Pitman Stamp Co. confirms our surmise that there is a regular postage set also an official set with overprint "S", as we remarked in our Chronicle of July 21st. The postage set was Chronicled by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. last November, and the Official series was chronicled by us in these columns on June 23rd.

SIERRA LEONE.—*The Colonial Journal* states: "The ½d and 4d postage and revenue stamps have been printed from plate No. 5."

SOMALILAND.—A new 1a thin buff International Post Card has been prepared for this Protectorate, according to *The Colonial Journal.*

Postal Card.

1a red on thin buff.

SPANISH MOROCCO.—Mail from a correspondent in Melilla, Spanish Morocco, is franked with ordinary unoverprinted Spanish stamps, so why the overprinted stamps are issued, except for sale to collectors, we do not know.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—*(British.)*—A supply of the 1d stamps printed from plate 5 has been sent to this Colony, states *The Colonial Journal.*

A. P. S. OFFICERS' REPORTS.

At every convention there are many reports presented that are formal in nature and have nothing of special importance in them. We are, however, indebted to Dr. H. A. Davis, secretary of the American Philatelic Society, for the privilege of examining several of the more important reports submitted at Alexandria Bay.

The report of the President will no doubt be published in its entirety in our issue of Sept. 1.

The report of the Board of Vice Presidents was quite brief. There were eight expulsions from membership during the past year and two applications were rejected. Claims were allowed against the insurance fund amounting to $15.79. The committee reported the gratifying fact that judgment had been recovered against a former member for the loss of books belonging to the sales department. It also took the ground that a member receiving a selection of stamps must return the same "by a channel as safe as that through which he received it." The Board urged that any member making sales of stamps for other persons, whether by auction or private sale, should not put the proceeds with their own funds but treat the obligation to the owner as "in the nature of a trust fund."

The report of the Secretary, Dr. Davis, showed a total membership of 1609, a gain of 60 over the previous year. 225 new members were admitted and to P. M. Wolsieffer belongs the honor of proposing 15. An interesting section of the Secretary's report is the statement that $47.50 expended for advertising in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY was productive of 188 replies, from which 44 new members were received. No other paper used produced such good results.

The report of the Treasurer, C. F. Heyerman, showed an excellent condition of the finances. The credit balances in the five different accounts and funds totalled nearly $8,000.00, and deducting the debit balance on account of the publishing of the *American Philatelist,* there was a net balance of $6,502.16. Some money.

The editor of the *American Philatelist,* Wm. E. Ault, presented a very interesting report. It is quite lengthy and we do not have the space to publish it in full. Credit is given to those members who have helped from the literary standpoint. Editor Ault regrets that "dealers do not make as much use of our advertising columns as we should like" but this is a regret that is voiced by all philatelic publishers. Mr. Ault has done a good work during his editorship of the publication, and an energetic effort is to be made to secure second class rates.

Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

OTHER BOOKS AND OTHER MEN.

By EDWIN B. HILL.

"Ef 'twant so fur f'om th' base o' supplies, we might reap the reward uv eternal vigilance," said Jimmy O'. as he flopped into the hammock, after throwing his Stetson upon the ground beside him.

"Now look at that!" and he held up to my gaze an item in the WEEKLY, setting forth the joy it would give a friendly collector "back East" to bestow his files of the *American Journal of Philately* upon some club, society, or indivdiual, for the asking.

"Now me—I see it—an' I sure lose."

Jimmy looked funereal.

"Did you write?" I asked, solicitously.

"W'at, me? Nope. But I bet you did. An' if you did, you sure was lef' at th' post."

"Yes, Jimmy, I wrote. But I wasn't even left at the post,—I never left the paddock, which is worse."

Whereupon I tossed the irrepressible Jimmy a letter which I had received a few days before from the owner of the afore-mentioned magazines. It read as follows:

"While you were not quite the eleven-hundredth applicant for the old Journals, you were just too late to get them, for which I am very sorry, as I think Jimmy O'. and his pard would have much enjoyed looking them over."

The letter was signed with the name of the big-hearted man who had given of his riches.

Jimmy read the letter through twice. Then he handed it back, and began to roll a cigarette. Once enflame, he began:

"That sure is a right proper letter. I'm glad he said that about me an' Eddy. He appreciates—he sure does. You see, out here, people back there think we're a lot o' barbarians wit'out any feelin's an' not carin' a whop fer things t' read. W'y, fren' o' mine, I've been so plum hongry fer readin' I c'd a'most be grateful fer even an auction list—an' that's sayin' a lot. W'y one time, I hadn't seen even a paper in nigh two months, w'en, one mornin' early, there rolls inter my han's—bein' borne on a nice Arizony sandstorm breeze—a pretty ratty copy uv a Chicago paper called the Interior, Presbyterian, I take it—preforeordestination an' all that. Well, I jest sat there an' read it through twice, 'vertisements an' all. It had a poem in it, too,—great stuff. Listen."

And then, to my amazement, Jimmy O'. sloughed his every-day language, and began to recite Browning's "Over the seas our galleys went"—to the end. He read the verses sympathetically and appreciatively,—read them with understanding and full knowledge of their subtler meanings. At the end he paused, with a dreamy look. Presently he resumed:

"Well, I read that there paper over an' over fer four days an' I c'd recite it f'om beginnin' t' end. But that there poem—oh, yes! an' this one, too—"

Here Jimmy swung into the immortal cadences of Keats's sonnet, "On First Looking into Chapman's Homer."

"Well, as I was sayin', I wore that there paper out. Then I got back to town an' sat aroun' fer a hull week, jest readin'. Gee! I sure read up *that* time.

"And then—and then—" Jimmy O.' spoke shamedly, rapidly, with no trace of his habitual carelessness of speech: and your other books, and allowed me "You came, with your philatelic library full access to them. Good God!—I say it reverently—there is an unappeasable hunger of the soul totally eclipsing hunger of the body—the yearning a book lover has for a volume he knows he never can possess."

Jimmy O'. fell silent once more. It was ten minutes before he looked up, with his twisted smile, and resumed:

"Couple years ago a man come to Willow an' opened w'at 'e called a stationary shop. It was a dandy shop—nice stock o' things—some books, too. I bought stuff there—an' the boys. Well, he went on fer a while, doin' pretty well—played poker some—good player, too. Then he los' money—business an' cyards didn't 'gree. Went broke. Say, frien' o' mine, I've played cyards fer money, but w'en I see w'at it done t' that chap I quits right there. The las' thing I bought off'n him was a book. I got it here—an', by heck! I'll *give* it t' yuh."

Jimmy disappeared long enough to search out a little volume, which he had carefully wrapped in a bit of canvas, and placed it in my hands.

I opened it. It was the abridged edition of the English Oppen album, the covers in royal purple and gold, the letterpress in brown ink The name it bore on a fly-leaf was that of a boyhood chum. And *this* was his son,—this waster of life—this card-player who had fled, leaving a dishonored name! In my soul I was glad neither his father nor his mother had survived him.

I turned the leaves. Canada! There were one or two stamps which I recognized as part of my own boyhood collection, back in the '70's; a triangular Cape; some Switzerland; and so the pages to the end, disclosing memory upon memory. I sat holding the precious volume until my brimming eyes dimmed the pages. After a little, I looked up to thank Jimmy O'. for his gift,—a precious legacy. But he was gone, nor did I see him again for many, many days.

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22	..	.40
22a	..	.80
23	.75	.25
23a	.75	.25
24	..	.10
25	..	.35
25a	1.60	.35
26	1.00	.40
27	.45	..
31	..	.40
31a	1.40	.40
32	.05	.00½
32a	1.00	.15
33	.07	.00½
34	.15	.00½
34a	.40	.03
34B, Imp.	2.75	..
35	.50	.05
36	1.00	..
37, small defect	..	.60
38	.40	.03
39a	1.00	.20
40	.03*	.00½
40B, Imperforate	..	2.75
41	.35	.02
42	.06*	.00½
42a	.30	.03
42B o. g.	12.50, blk. 4.	
42B, Imp.	3.00	..
43	.20	.03

No.	Price Unused.	Used
Same blk. 4	1.00	..
44	.35	.05
Blk. of 4	1.50	..
45	1.00	.15
Blk. of 4	4.00	..
46	.30	.09
47	.60	.12
Blk. of 4	2.75	..
48	.60	.04
48a	1.00	.06
48aB, Imp.	3.00	..
49	.50	.03
49a	.75	.04
Blk. of 4	3.25	..
50	.25*	.25
51	.04*	.02
52	.06*	.04
53	.06*	.02
54	.12*	.08*
55	.55*	.55
56	.25*	.15*
57	.30*	.18*
58	.30*	.30
59	.35*	.30
60	.75	.25
50-60	2.50	1.80
66	.02*	.01
67	.03*	.00½
68	.04*	.00½
69	.05*	.00½
70	.08*	.01
71	.15*	.09*
72	.15*	.04
73	.30*	.22*
66-73	.75*	.35
74	.02*	.01
75	.03*	.00½
76	.03*	.00½
77	.05*	.00½
78	.07*	.00½
79	.23*	.20
80	.16*	.12

No.	Price Unused.	Used
81	.22*	.04
74-81	.75*	.35
82-3-4-5-6 .04* each	..	.00½
87	.50	.15
88	.12*	.04
89	.03	.00½
90	.05	.00½
90a	.08*	.05
93	.20	.01
95	..	.15
89-95	..	.25
96	.03*	.03*
97	.03*	.01½
98	.05*	.01
99	.10	.06
100	.16	.08
101	.28	.12
102	.30	.18
103	.40	.35
96-103	1.25	.75
Blks. of 4	5.00	..
104-108	.30*	.04
109	.25	.02
110	.60	.05
104-110	1.10	.10
151	.07	.02
152	..	.07
153	.10	.02
153a	.40	.03
153B, Imp	..	3.25
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17, no gum	2.75
18	.37*
19	1.00
20	.23*
20, used	.90
21	1.10*
22	1.35*
23	.60*
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Used	1.20
27	.40
37	1.25
Used	.35
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47	.35
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By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

CHAPTER XXVII.

General Remarks—Issues 1875-83.

The general issues of the civil war revenues may be divided conveniently into three groups. Two of these groups comprise the documentaries and proprietaries engraved and printed by Butler & Carpenter, and later by Joseph R. Carpenter, in Philadelphia, of which the first group is the first issue and the second group includes the stamps issued from September 1, 1871, to the expiration of Mr. Carpenter's contract August 31, 1875, and a few proprietaries printed by Mr. Carpenter but issued from the Bureau of Internal Revenue after August, 1875. The third group takes in the issues during the succeeding eight years until all the documentary and proprietary taxes were abolished July 1, 1883, and may also be divided into three parts, that is, stamps printed by the National Bank Note Co., by the American Bank Note Co., and last, by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It is, however, so difficult to distinguish the American Bank Note Co. stamps that usually only two printings of this third group are considered—(1) those stamps on unwatermarked green tinted paper containing silk fibres, all of which were printed by the National Bank Note Co. and—(2) those on watermarked green paper without silk fibres, the majority of which were printed by the Bureau at Washington.

In a write up of the Boston Revenue Book in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS for January 3, 1901, over the signatures of Messrs. Toppan, Deats and Holland, they state that the book was largely compiled from records of Butler & Carpenter, Joseph R. Carpenter, The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the *American Bank Note Company*, but in the book itself there is not the slightest reference to printings by the American Bank Note Company, and this company is not even mentioned. Fortunately there is available ample proof this company printed both general issues and private die stamps, although most of its product never has been identified.

From September 1, 1875, to early in 1879 the National Bank Note Co., of New York, held the contract for printing all the adhesive documentary and proprietary stamps and when this company was consolidated with the Continental Bank Note Co., and the old American Bank Note Co., about February 1, 1879, the consolidated concern, known since as the American Bank Note Co., succeeded to this contract and continued to supply the stamps for nearly two years until the Bureau of Engraving and Printing took over the work in October, 1880.

When the National Co., obtained the contract in 1875 it prepared new designs to replace the stamps then in use—one 2c stamp for the bank check tax and six stamps from 1c to 6c for the tax on proprietary articles, but no higher value proprietaries were prepared because there was then a large supply and very little demand for the green and black second issue 10c, 50c, $1 and $5 stamps on hand. The plates of the new stamps bore the National Company's imprint and, in general, were used successively by the American Co., and by the Bureau, new ones being made from the same transfers as required. New plates made later by the Bureau bore the Bureau imprint, but those which the Bureau used but did not make have the National Company's imprint crossed out and "Bu E & P" with initials engraved on the margins. The writer has not seen any of these documentary or general proprietary stamps with the American Company's imprint, either plain or scratched by the Bureau engravers, but has seen the American Company's imprint on some of the private die stamps first issued during 1879-80, and is inclined to believe the American Company's imprint was placed only on plates made by this company from original dies and transfer rolls also engraved by it.

This is one reason why it is almost impossible to distinguish any of the American Bank Note Co. stamps from the Bureau printings, or from the National printings on watermarked paper. Another reason is the difficulty of obtaining definite information from dated

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575	7c brown	1.00	.75	.90
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577	12c brown	.25	.10	.12
578	15c brown	.25	.13	.15
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572	2c Treasury	.25	.10	.08	.04
573	3c Treasury	.10	.06	.04	.02
574	6c Treasury	.18	.05	.04	.02
575	7c Treasury	1.50	.80	.70	.40
576	10c Treasury	.25	.15	.12	.07
577	12c Treasury	.35	.12	.10	.06
578	15c Treasury	.35	.15	.12	.07
579	24c Treasury	..	1.75	1.35	.85
580	30c Treasury	.45	.20	.17	.09
581	90c Treasury	1.25	.30	.25	.15
587	10c War	.60	.18	.15	.09
588	12c War	.80	.18	.15	.09
589	15c War	.25	.18	.13	.06
590	24c War	.18	.18	.13	.06
591	30c War	.25	.25	.22	.12
592	90c War	.65	.45	.40	.15
598	2c Interior	.05	.06	.05	.02
599	3c Interior	.07	.06	.04	.02
610	3c Post Office	.07	.06	.05	.03
620	3c Treasury	.40	.03	.02	.01
621	6c Treasury	.35	.07	.05	.03
631	10c War	.13	.15	.13	.07
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Chapter XXVIII.

Paper, Issues 1875-83.

So far as is known, all the paper with silk fibres was made by Willcox at Glen Mills, Pa., and continued to be used after 1874 and until 1878. The Henry A. Clark match stamp is found only on silk fibre white paper and was first issued in November, 1877, which shows the silk paper was still in use at that time. According to the Boston Book (page 130) eleven boxes of *"Private Die Stamp Paper, New Paper,"* (watermarked) was received by the National Bank Note Co. between November 26, 1876, and August 27, 1877, and yet it is at least doubtful if any watermarked paper was used for either private die stamps or general issues before January, 1878, when the 4c Centaur Co. medicine stamp, known to exist only on watermarked paper, was first issued.

The following extracts from the annual reports of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, which are the first pertinent references to paper contracts after 1871, do not seem to agree with the statements in the Boston Book regarding pink and watermarked paper, but throw considerable light upon the subject:—

Report of June 30, 1877.—"The stock of stamps printed and in the hands of the bank-note companies of New York was during the months of September and October last (1876) brought to the Treasury Department in Washington, from which place they are now issued to collectors (of internal revenue). Advertisement has recently been made for proposals for paper to be used in printing internal revenue stamps, and it is believed a large saving will be effected in the cost of paper. I estimate that with reduced cost by printing at the Bureau of Engraving & Printing to save over $68,000 per year."

Report of June 30, 1878.—"In response to the advertisement referred to in my last report, bids were received from a number of the most prominent paper manufacturers of the country for furnishing paper for internal revenue stamps, and the lowest bid, which was made by Messrs. S. D. Warren & Co. of Boston, Mass., was accepted. The prices paid under the contract are 10½c per pound for vegetable sized paper and 11½c per pound for animal sized paper, about nine-tenths of the quantity used being of the former kind. The price paid under the previous contract was 20c per pound, and the annual saving effected by this change amounts to nearly $25,000.

The paper furnished is *distinctive in color* and is watermarked with the letters "U S I R" in such a way that each square inch of every sheet bears some portion of the watermark. The paper is manufactured under the supervision of an agent, who with a suitable guard is stationed at the mill. The paper is counted, boxed and shipped to the Secretary of the Treasury, who issues the same to the Bureau of Engraving & Printing. No change has been made during the year in the contracts for the manufacture of paper or for the printing of such stamps as are not printed by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing of this department.

The stamps issued by this office are engraved and printed in the highest style of the art of bank-note engraving and printing, and it is a matter of congratulation that successful counterfeiting thereof has not been accomplished. Stamps for documentary and proprietary articles continue to be printed by the National Bank Note Co. of New York, stamps for checks, drafts or orders by the Graphic Co. of New York, and stamps for foil tobacco wrappers by Mr. John J. Crooke of New York. The stamps furnished have been satisfactory and it is believed that the rates paid are as low as can be obtained."

This part of the report for 1878 reads as though no change had been made during the year ending June 30, 1878, in the contracts or paper for documentary and proprietary stamps printed by the National Bank Note Co., but this meaning evidently is not the correct one. Later reports indicate the animal sized paper was used exclusively for check and proprietary stamps, and there is plenty of proof the National Bank Note Co. began to use the watermarked paper before June 30, 1878. None of the private die stamps first issued after January 1, 1878, are known to exist on the silk paper.

The Warren contract went into effect December 14, 1877; the first orders for green, white and magenta paper were all dated December 21, 1877, and the first shipments were made in January, 1878. During that month white and green paper and the entire order of magenta paper 345,000 sheets (except 14,000 sheets delivered in February)— was shipped. The white paper was for "Private Die Stamps," measured 13 x 16½ inches, and at first weighed 18 pounds per thousand sheets. Later the weight was increased to 20 pounds. The green paper was for "Documentary & General Proprietary Stamps," measured 12½ x 16 inches, and weighed 22 pounds. The magenta paper was for "Special Tax Stamps," measured 15 x 15½ inches, and weighed 33 pounds. It cost 1¼c per pound extra.

This magenta paper is not known to have been used for general documentary or proprietary stamps, but apparently it is the "pink" paper that was used quite extensively for a short time for some of the private die revenues. That it was intended to be used for special tax stamps may explain why it was not watermarked. Green tinted paper having been in use for years and white not being what would be considered a distinctive color, it is rather difficult to decide which paper the commissioner had in mind as being "distinctive in color *and* watermarked."

S. D. Warren & Co. continued to supply the revenue paper for nearly four years. On September 9, 1882, the contract was awarded to the Fairchild Paper Co., also of Boston, and the latter concern held it until 1885, when it passed to Alexander Balfour of Philadelphia, who commenced manufacturing stamp paper July 20, 1885. Thus 80% to 90% of all the watermarked stamps were printed on the Warren paper, while the Fairchild paper was in use on documentary and proprietary stamps less than ten months and the Balfour paper not at all. The watermarked paper is mostly rather thick, soft wove. The green paper varies considerably in tint, even on unused stamps, sometimes being quite bluish.

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10c on 4c brown, inverted surcharge No. 73a, cat. 65c	.08
1891, surcharged date, No. 77, cat. 25c	.04
Surcharged date, No. 85, cat. 60c ..	.08
1898, 1c on 2c orange red	.05
1899, 5c and 10c	.04
1901, 2c green & black, 5c gray lilac and black, 10c deep blue & blk.	.05
1907, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, used	.04
1911, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, used	.05
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CHAPTER XIX.

A Few Statistics.

We have already mentioned the fact that the entire issue of the first 3 cents imperforate stamp consisted of 500,000 (5,000 sheets) while of the 3 and 4 cents perforated 250,000 of each were sent to the West Indies. Although the 4 cents value had but a short life it is presumed the entire supply was exhausted, for there are no records of any remainders.

So far as the stamps of the 1873 type are concerned the official figures make no distinctions between the two sorts of paper or perforation or the two types in the case of the 5 cents denomination. During the period extending from the date of issue of the several values until 1900 the following quantities are said to have been printed and despatched to the Danish West Indies:—

1 cent,	1,000,000	10 cents,	1,400,000
3 cents,	1,400,000	12 cents,	301,000
4 cents,	350,000	14 cents,	100,000
5 cents,	1,100,000	50 cents,	150,000
7 cents,	350,000		

Although the above are said to be based on figures extracted from official records we feel that they can hardly be relied on in all cases. Either some error has been made in transcribing the quantities from the official records or mistakes have been made in the records themselves otherwise the 4 cents and 50 cents should both be quite rare stamps. From the above, too, again presuming the figures to be accurate, must be deducted the 3c, 7c, 10c and 50c which were used in the production of various provisionals.

The figures for the 14 cents are probably correct, but we do not think too much reliance can be placed on any of the others.

We can find no information relating to the quantities issued of either of the provisionals of 1887 or 1895, while as regards varieties issued after that date we know that at least one supply of 325 sheets (32,500 stamps) of the large type 2 cents on 3 cents surcharge of 1902 were sent to the Colony from Copenhagen. Of the 8 cents on 10 cents Mr. Hanciau says there were 107,500 (1,075 sheets), but these figures probably include the surcharge of both types.

Finally, we find that of the discreditable "5 bit" surcharges of 1905 the following were printed:—

5 bit on 4 cents, 124,800
5 bit on 5 cents, 56,400
5 bit on 8 cents, 68,700

We have already shown that exactly 22,000 of each were disposed of and that the balance were destroyed in 1906.

At the time these stamps were destroyed all other obsolete Danish West Indian stamps were also burnt, as shown by the following extract from the *Monthly Journal* for January, 1907:—

"On 15th November the Colonial Office at Copenhagen burnt the whole stock existing of Danish West Indian stamps—adhesives, envelopes, postcards, and unpaid letter stamps with value in cents. The destruction took place in the presence of a number of officials from the Board of Finance and General Post Office. The following quantities of stamps were destroyed by fire in the Royal Institute of Destruction at Frederiksberg, near Copenhagen:—

574 sheets 4c (57,400 stamps) Perf. 12½, 13.
1,511 sheets 5c (151,100 stamps) Perf. 12½, 13.
692 sheets 7c (69,200 stamps) Perf. 14x13½.
440 sheets 8c (44,000 stamps) Perf. 12½, 13.
338 sheets 10c (33,800 stamps) Perf. 12½.
782 sheets 12c (78,200 stamps) 14x13½.
486 sheets 50c (48,600 stamps) 14x13½.

Further, about 8,000 envelopes and 30,000 postcards.

Of unpaid letter stamps the following were destroyed:—

138 sheets of 4 cents (13,800 stamps).
297 sheets of 6 cents (29,700 stamps).
172 sheets of 10 cents (17,200 stamps).

CHAPTER XX.

Check List of Varieties.

Nov., 1855.—Engraved by A. Buntzen and printed in Copenhagen. Paper covered with burélé pattern in pale yellow. Wmk. Crown. Imperforate. Dark brown gum supplied by F. Benzon and applied in the Colony.

1. 3 cents carmine (shades).

1860.—Similar to the foregoing but with yellow gum supplied by Rüse and applied in the Colony.

2. 3 cents carmine (shades).

1867.—Similar to the foregoing, but with white gum applied at Copenhagen.

3. 3 cents carmine (shades).
   (a) Rouletted unofficially.

1872-73.—Same type and watermark. Perf. 12½.

4. 3 cents carmine (shades).
5. 4 cents ultramarine (without burelage).
   (a) Imperforate.
   (b) Imperforate vertically.

1873-79.—Engraved by Ph. Batz. Thin semi-transparent paper. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 14 x 13½. Center in second color.

6. 1 cent green and claret (shades).
7. 3 cents blue and carmine (shades).
   (a) Imperforate.
8. 4 cents brown and blue (shades).
9. 5 cents green and gray (shades) Type I.
10. 7 cents lilac and orange (shades).
11. 10 cents blue and brown (shades).
12. 12 cents lilac and green (shades).
13. 14 cents lilac and green.
14. 50 cents purple (shades).

1885-89.—Similar to the foregoing but on thicker and whiter paper.

15. 1 cent green and claret (shades).
16. 3 cents blue and rose (shades).
   (a) With wedge-shaped flaw.
17. 4 cents brown and blue (shades).
18. 5 cent green and gray (shades) Type II.
19. 10 cents blue and brown (shades).
   (a) With period between "TS" of "CENTS".
   (b) With colon between "TS" of "CENTS".
20. 50 cents purple.

May, 1887.—Issue of 1873-79 surcharged "1 CENT" in black.

21. 1 cent on 7 cents lilac and orange (shades).
   (a) Double surcharge.
   (b) With period after "CENT" (?).
   (c) With accent above "E" of "CENT" (?).
   (d) With the numeral "1" omitted (?).

May 18, 1895.—Issues of 1873-79 and 1885-89 surcharged in black.

(A) Semi-transparent Paper.

22. 10 cents on 50 cents purple.
   (a) Small thin "9" in "1895".
   (b) Narrow "5" in "1895".
   (c) Large top to "5" in "1895".
   (d) Long straight top to "5" in "1895".
   (e) Broken "1" in "10".

(B) Thick White Paper.

23. 10 cents on 50 cents purple.
   (a) Small thin "9" in "1895".
   (b) Narrow "5" in "1895".
   (c) Large top to "5" in "1895".
   (d) Long straight top to "5" in "1895".
   (e) Broken "1" in "10".

1898-1901.—Same type and watermark as before, but perf. 12½, 13.

24. 1 cent green and claret.
25. 3 cents deep blue and carmine.
   (a) With wedge-shaped flaw.
26. 4 cents brown and blue (shades).
   (a) Diagonal half used as 2 cents.
27. 5 cents green and gray (Type II).
28. 10 cents blue and brown.
   (a) With period between "TS" of "CENTS".
   (b) With colon between "TS" of "CENTS".

1900-1903.—Arms design. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 12½, 13.

29. 1 cent green (shades).
30. 2 cents carmine (shades).
31. 5 cents blue (shades).
32. 8 cents brown.

Jan., 1902.—Stamps of 1898-1901 surcharged in black. Perf. 12½, 13.

33. 2 cents on 3 cents blue and carmine.
   (a) With wedge-shaped flaw.
   (b) Dated "1901" instead of "1902"
   (c) As (b) with wedge-shaped flaw.
   (d) Narrow "2" for value.
   (e) The figures "19" of date slightly wider spaced.
   (f) Straight foot to "2" of "1902".
   (g) Thin numeral "9" in date.
34. 8 cents on 10 cents blue and brown.
   (a) With period between "TS" of "CENTS".
   (b) With colon between "TS" of "CENTS".
   (c) The figures "19" of date slightly wider spaced.
   (d) Straight foot to "2" of "1902".

Surcharged in Green.

35. 2 cents on 3 cents blue and carmine.
   (a) With wedge-shaped flaw.
   (b) Narrow "2" for value.
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EDITORIAL.

Sale—The sale of the Worthington stamps at auction by J. C. Morgenthau & Co., New York City, was the event of the philatelic off-season; and the occasion proved to be one that was in keeping with its importance. The attendance was a representative one and was attracted from near and far. We have been told that the enthusiasm shown was sincere and that the prices that were obtained were satisfactory. For an August sale, it will stand on a pinnacle. Once again the amazing vitality and elasticity of the stamp market comes in for admiration. The many rare and other stamps making up the Worthington holdings have been absorbed by the market as easily as a blotter encompasses an ink-drop. For that matter we have never heard any rash predictions as to a saturation point in the stamp market. Colonel Edward Green, the son of Hetty Green, whose marriage was celebrated several months ago, timed his honeymoon, according to the newspapers, so as to be at the Worthington sale, where he is reported to have purchased ten thousand dollars' worth or so of good old United States, the gem of the lot being the thirty cents, 1869, with flags inverted, for which well over a thousand dollars was paid.

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Revised—It was not made clear in our remarks about the errors that had been sent out from Washington until a comparatively recent period that the error sheets were included in the stamp supplies already packed for shipment. In other words, the stamps were not unpacked or unstapled after they were ready for sending out. This explanation is made to correct any impression that intentionally the error sheets are being sent to offices.

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Shrinkage—We have been shown some examples of paper shrinkage in earlier U. S. issues that while interesting do not prove anything of importance. When the design loans itself to the shrinkage, the effect is somewhat startling. We quote: "In the 1870 to 1890 period, the paper cut seems to have been the other way, so that the normal shrinkage came up and down the stamp (the stitch watermark, where seen in this period, came up and down the stamp) and except in a very few cases the designs are about normal."

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How—Our idea of the highest crag of fore-handedness is found in the course of a continued story that is being syndicated in some of the newspapers: "'It's a special delivery letter, also registered,' he explained. . . . But I was wildly excited. As Dicky handed the letter to her, I thought that I caught sight of a foreign stamp, and the conviction seized upon me that the letter was from my father in South America." We assume that any special delivery stamp was one of our U. S. specials, which the traveler took the precaution to include in his kit; but then, the authoress speaks of "a foreign stamp" on the envelope which must have paid the regular postage, the registry fee and the special delivery tax. What do you make of it, Old Grill?

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Mix—In an auction catalogue, we find a lot described: "2883a, close on 5 sides, large margin on the other, sold as is." Of course we understand how 5 was used instead of 3. A stamp paper describes a collector as a great "society philatelist," thereby showing that there is an upper ten and class distinctions in our little world. A budding writer reveals a striking strain of originality in a stamp story by finding the Brattleboro stamp on a cover that contained a receipt for a subscription to the Brattleboro *Vermonter*, a weekly publication of the times. The moral, which strikes between the eyes, is pay your subscription.

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Where—"What has become of the old-fashioned collector, the vest-pocket philatelist of yesteryear" asks a sub (on second thought, subscriber) who is not referring to the *Vest Pocket Philatelist*, once published by Dr. H. A. Davis, but to the care-free collector who came to your home a-trading, after school, and who removed his stamps from his vest-pocket, all neatly folded into little squares. This o. f. c. is probably discussing in some sequestered nook, the Blaine and Cleveland campaign with the old-fashioned dealer who used to assert that he did not care to handle unused stamps to any great extent because they could not compare in collectibility to used ones.

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Consequence—Our remarks last week about the correspondent who asked if we "exchanged" through *Harper's Young People* in 1882 or thereabouts is to be credited with making the first contribution to a fund of reminiscence that has its interest. Another reader arises to say that in 1882, as he remembers, he was a patron of the exchange column of that weekly of fond memory and that one of his correspondents of those golden days was Ellis Butler Parker of Muscatine, Iowa. We do not need to say that thirty-five years afterwards Ellis Parker Butler, Flushing, New York, is America's favorite humorist. That he still retains his affection for stamps is patent from his membership in the American Philatelic Society. Further, our memorialist says that in those days he patronized a dealer who achieved the eminence of advertising in *Harper's Young People;* and he adds that no other dealer could vie with this one in the neatness and attractions of his approval selections. The dealer in question was none other than E. R. Ackerman of Plainfield, New Jersey, who as Senator Ackerman, is known universally as an irreproachable philatelist and one of the truly elect of collectors.

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Question—We get our new issues by the easy chair route and no longer try to make our own importations by the somewhat uncertain aid of foreign correspondents. Consequently, when we receive an inquiry such as the subjoined, we submit it to the routine sources of information, such as the local post office folks, etc., and these failing us, we can depend usually on our readers for a solution of a problem. A reader asks: "Can you give me a little information on a subject that I am uncertain on? Please tell me what stamps are used in the Caroline Islands. I have heard that the stamps used are the North West Pacific Island, but no one seems to tell from first knowledge. Some say that the British Australian forces are garrisoned in the Caroline Islands, and others say the Japanese. If you can give me this information I will greatly appreciate it, although I dislike to 'worry' anyone with a small matter (to them)." We trust that the quest of our correspondent will not be bootless. We read some time ago that Japanese stamps were used from these islands when the Japanese soldiers were holding the islands. In 1915 we reprinted from the *Australian Stamp Journal* of June, 1915, a "philatelic map of western Pacific" which showed that the Caroline Islands, from Yap to Kusaie, stretched over one thousand miles and averaged about three thousand miles distance from Sydney, New South Wales.

DUTCH INDIES "POSTAGE DUES."

Henry A. Meyer of Evansville, Ind., writing us in connection with the translation of the inscription on the early postage due stamps of the Dutch Indies, questions the standing of the labels from a philatelic standpoint. It will be remembered that Mr. Poole discussing Type D 1 thus referred to it:—"A plain label said to have been used as a postage due stamp." Mr. Meyer says:—

"The fact that some uncertainty exists together with the fact that the Dutch Indies issued no regular postage stamps till nearly 20 years later, causes me to advance the theory that these are not postage due stamps at all as we understand that term today. For of what use could postage due stamps be when there are no postage stamps to be lacking on the letter? Because there were spaces to be filled out, I am of the opinion that these labels served much the same purpose as a "Collect" tag on express packages today, the first one for collecting the charges, the second for collecting the value of the shipment. That was quite a modern arrangement for such early stages of postal service, but it must be remembered that even at that time Batavia was a progressive city, and the theory of the existence of such a service in 1845 is by no means preposterous."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Fernald Hutchins, for a long time an active member of the Boston Philatelic Society and an earnest philatelist, has gone to the officers' training camp at Plattsburg.

—The Franklin Stamp Co. of Philadelphia may well feel proud of the work it is doing in connection with the great war. T. Carlton Henry of the firm was awarded a captaincy at the recent officers' training camp at Fort Niagara, while Henry C. Gibson, another member of the firm is now serving with an American ambulance unit somewhere in France.

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THE A. P. S. CONVENTION.

By C. A. Howes.

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society is now "history." In the absence of any invitation from a "local" society to be their guests, a preference was expressed at last year's Convention in Boston to meet at Alexandria Bay, New York, among the "Thousand Islands." And a lovely spot it proved to be for "conventioners," but the attendance of A. P. S. members was certainly disappointing, there being but twenty-two out of our sixteen hundred who registered. These, with sixteen "guests," made a total of but forty-eight—one of the smallest conventions ever held. The attendance of members has been smaller on but one occasion, the organizing convention held in New York City in 1886, when twenty-one members were present. At Niagara Falls in 1892 and at Clayton, N. Y., in 1903, there were twenty-three members registered, but in the past twelve years the number has not previously fallen below seventy.

What the cause of this lack of enthusiasm or interest may have been is not wholly apparent to the writer, for he knows of many who professed their intention of being present but who utterly failed to put in an appearance at the appointed time and place. But for the benefit of those who did not come it must be said that they missed not only a harmonious convention, but a good time and fine vacation trip with weather that left nothing to be desired. The entertainment features had necessarily to be arranged for by "long distance" but proved thoroughly enjoyable though rearranged somewhat according to conditions on the spot.

The first session on Tuesday, August 14th, was occupied almost wholly with the usual reports of officers and committees for the past year. These showed the generally healthy condition and smooth working of the machinery of the Society. The campaign for 2000 members resulted in a total membership on August 15th of 1607, a good advance toward the goal. This result is largely due to the energy put into the work by Secretary Davis, and also the incentive of the prizes offered for new members by several who were good enough to thus "do their bit."

The afternoon was occupied by a three hour "ramble" through the "Thousand Islands" in a couple of motor boats, with a visit to the "Boldt Castle." The beauty of the region is perhaps best seen by motor boat trip, as the islands can be closely approached and many channels navigated that are closed to larger vessels.

The evening was reserved for a "Bourse" at the hotel, the Marsden House, where those who desired could buy, sell or exchange the treasures they had brought along with them and swap stories of more or less philatelic flavor. Some of the ladies improved the evening at the "movies."

The second day's session was comparatively short, as there was little left over from the previous day. The Standing Committees were appointed and most of them met for their deliberations at the close of the business session.

The official photograph was taken at noon on a point of land with a view toward the river, and turned out a very creditable piece of work.

The afternoon was given up to "individual preference," some going fishing, some motoring and some taking more of the beautiful boat trips among the islands. In the evening it had been intended to take the "searchlight" trip on the large steamer, but as this was illumination night for the residents of the Islands, it was decided that the motor boats would give us a nearer and more enjoyable view and two hours were spent in going the rounds of the "fairyland"—a most delightful experience.

The last day saw business concluded in good season. Mr. Jos. B. Leavy had been delegated by the National Museum to present a paper on the U. S. Government Collection, which was much enjoyed. The Standing Committees presented their reports and recommendations, which were acted upon, and then President-elect John W. Scott was called to the chair by President Howes, and made a short address to the meeting. Our old friend, "Sine Die Stone," was unable to be present, but delegated his prerogative to our old friend, "P. M." Wolsieffer—and the convention was over.

The last afternoon had been set aside for an automobile ride to Ogdensburg, but the small number to go necessitated a change and most of the party took the "50 mile ramble" on the steamer "Ramona," another delightful sail. The evening was spent in a card party at the hotel, progressive euchre being the game.

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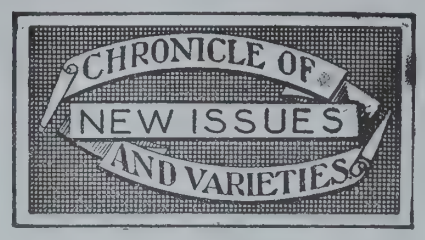
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[NOTE.—The Chronicle Editor has been on a vacation and has returned in time to produce an interesting list of new issues and varieties for next week. This accounts for the curtailment of this department this week.]

BAHAMAS.—(1384-86)—We take much pleasure in reprinting the following lengthy article from our esteemed London contemporary, *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News:*

"We have considered it advisable to withhold certain facts and figures relating to the 5d Special Delivery stamp, until the second or new issue has been definitely decided.

"The first issue now obsolete, as most of our readers are doubtless aware, was made by overprint on the remainder stock of the 5d, 1903 issue, printed on the old make of *Crown CC* watermarked paper. It was intended, we believe, that the latest printing of the 5d, in color changed to violet and gray, should be used for the new issue Special Delivery. Certain despatches of the overprinted Cr. CC issue were lost in sunken mails, and it was resolved the new issue should be printed in the old color.

"The original despatch of the Cr. CC issue, sent in Dec., 1915, from Nassau to Ottawa, consisted of 600 stamps only." (This has already been given in the Chronicle.) "From there supplies were made to three other offices appointed for use. The stamps were not sold over the counter, but affixed to envelopes by the clerk in charge upon presentation. Only envelopes despatched from Toronto and Montreal are in evidence bearing the stamps, but possibly some few may have been sent from Ottawa and another office. The Special Delivery stamp was not cancelled in Canada, but postmarked upon arrival in Nassau.

"All the stamps of the first consignment were of the plate 1 printing. It appears in this original supply one sheet was incorrectly printed, the last vertical row having escaped the overprint. A correspondent reports having secured from Toronto a horizontal pair, the first stamp with overprint and the second without.

"Upon our representations and advice, the restriction against sale to the public was abolished, and on Jan. 27th, 1917, the balance of stock on the Cr. CC paper, to the total of 6000 stamps, was issued." (These words tend to confirm our remarks of July 7th, when we stated that we believed the 600 and 6000 were all a continuous printing.) "This re-issue consisted mostly of sheets from plate 2, and only a few from the earlier plate 1 printing.

"Our records of the printings carry us a while back. Of the first printing of the 5d plate 1, in Jan., 1903, there were 188 sheets of 60. The next despatch to the Colony in June, 1903, contained a few of plate 1, the bulk being plate 2, in all, 207 sheets. The third delivery, made in Nov., 1903, consisted of 102 sheets, from plate 2." (We total these to 29,820 stamps; taking 6600 Special Delivery from this total, there remains a balance of 23,220 of the 5d ordinary postage.)

"There are distinctive shade differences of color. Apparently there were two or three separate printings made from plate 2. Sheets of all remained on hand, and were appropriated for the 'Special Delivery' overprint in 1915, there being at that time otherwise practically no use for the 5d value.

"The different shades are noted to be as follows:

"Printed from Plate 1.
5d red-orange and deep black.
"Printed from Plate 2.
5d orange and gray-black.
5d yellow-orange and gray-black.
5d intense-orange and gray-black.
5d orange and deep black.

"Of the overprinted issue, the corner pieces with plate 1 are rarities. In shades, the yellow-orange and intense-orange are very scarce.

"A setting of thirty pieces was made for the local overprint; a sheet of sixty stamps being completed by two operations. Though care was attempted to have the overprinting even, pairs and blocks from a few sheets are obtainable showing the overprint, as between the 6th and 7th vertical rows, out of alignment.

"In the setting, a slight deviation occurred in positioning the letters, with the result that some stamps show the 'V' of 'DELIVERY' precisely under the 'C' of 'SPECIAL', but on others spaced more to the left the 'V' appears beneath the letters 'EC', etc.

"Ordinarily the overprint is spaced near about two-fifths down on the stamps, but we found two sheets, one each of plate 1 and plate 2 showing the overprint across the top of the stamps.

"Amongst our purchases we secured a few blocks showing the overprint double. Two different correspondents also have each reported a sheet with double overprint. Presumably these are so printed only on certain rows, either on the left or right divisions of thirty, and not the entire sheet of sixty as with double occurring throughout is inferred." (Mr. Eugene Klein previously informed us of the existence of one sheet with double overprint. Mr. Klein had a half sheet of thirty, his correspondent informing him of the existence of *one sheet.* The two correspondents mentioned by *Ewen's Weekly* probably each had a half sheet, making the one sheet known.)

"Of the total issue, 6600 stamps, it is stated about one-third of quantity, contained in various despatches, was lost by a sunken mail. Of the balance approximately 2800 were received in this country, and 1200 in America and other places abroad." (This is interesting indeed. According to the figures given by our contemporary, 2200 were lost by sunken mails, 2800 were received in England, and 1200 received in America, total 6200, leaving only 400 for actual Special Delivery use from the several post offices in Canada.) "This appears to be the reason why an order was placed for a new printing in old colors, but the one insurmountable point of difference is that such new printing could only be made on the Mult. Cr. CA. watermarked paper, since none of the old Cr. CC. paper remained in existence.

"From the first we were of opinion that the original Cr. CC. locally overprinted issue could only be a very limited number, and would prove to be a comparatively scarce item in the War Issues. With the loss that occurred, and the several important shade varieties in the issue, the number available is restricted and value must considerably enhance.

"*The Colonial Journal* now announces —'A requisition for 5d 'Queen's Staircase' design, printed in the old color, orange and black, but on CA multiple white paper, and overprinted 'Special Delivery' in small block type in black ink, is in course of execution.'

"Our supply of this new issue on mult. Cr. CA. paper was delivered on Monday last. Instead of being a near match in color to either of the 1903 printings it is totally different, the frame design being in *dull brown-orange.* This issue is similarly in sheets of sixty, 12x5, printed from plate 2 on thick white mult. Cr. CA. paper. The overprint in black is in small block capital letters positioned as below the center of the stamps, and made in one operation over the sheets of sixty.

"A prominent variety, dropped 'D' in 'DELIVERY' is found once in each sheet. There also occurs thin 'I' in 'SPECIAL', and long limb 'L' in 'DELIVERY' which in some cases joins the next letter 'I' forming 'U'.

"In this issue grayish hair lines are noticed running across the designs in a number of the stamps.

"Revised Chronicle.

"1916 War Issue. Queen's Staircase Design.
"Thin Paper. Wmk. Cr. CC. Perf. 14.
"Local overprint in black, in two lines.
SPECIAL
DELIVERY
5d red-orange and deep black, plate 1.
5d orange and gray-black, plate 2.
5d yellow-orange and gray-black, plate 2.
5d bright orange and gray-black, plate 2.
5d orange and deep black, plate 2.
Variety.
a. overprint double.

(Although mentioned in the text, our contemporary leaves the variety "pair, one without overprint" out of their list.)

"July, 1917. New Issue. Design as above.
"Thick Paper. Wmk. Mult. Cr. CA. Perf. 14.
"London overprint in black, in two lines.
5d brown-orange and gray, plate 2.
Varieties.
a. Dropped 'D'.
b. Thin 'I' in 'SPECIAL'.
c. Long 'L' in 'DELIVERY'."

The parenthetically enclosed remarks throughout the above reprint, are by the Chronicle Editor. They were placed there for reference, in their proper places so our readers wouldn't have to refer back to the places and find the references if our remarks were placed hereunder.

Our surmise in a previous chronicle, that the so-called two printings of 600 and 6000 of the earlier type overprint, were one and the same printing may bear out. The colors are confusing, and we still believe the earliest printings were in light orange and gray-black and that they will prove to be the commoner of the lot.

Our contemporary made a mistake in the text, and we have no doubt "overprint in 1915" should have been "overprint in 1916."

It is remarkable that our contemporary did not investigate the perforations of the CC and CA printings, the former being 14 and the latter being 14½, as given in our Chronicle of July 21.

We also feel convinced that the overprinting was done on each of the sixty stamps in the sheet at one operation and not by two operations as stated by our contemporary. We refer to all printings.

Advertising Chat

—September is here!

—The time is ripe for your advertising campaign to begin. If you have been taking a bit of a vaca. get busy now with your stamp stock.

—The WEEKLY has taken no vacation. Every issue during July and August has reflected a gratifying activity. No doubt the numerous war issues and the 5c error have stimulated business.

—Note this week the important announcement of W. T. Wilson. His offer from the famous collection of Sir D. P. Masson is of unusual interest. The stamp in question is a most interesting one and may well be called a "historic rarity." Mr. Wilson informs us that he has acquired superb collections of Holland and Belgium, particulars of which will be furnished our readers later on.

—A new "three-in-one" contract has been signed by Mrs. A. A. Anderson of Cotton Plant, Miss. Mrs. Anderson used adlets all through last season and will be with us regularly this season in our displayed columns. Who will be the next?

—Are you doing anything to improve the market value of your collection? If not there is a screw loose somewhere. Our subscription forms will help you while helping us. Send for a supply and use them in your correspondence. They are good for dealer and collector.

—We want a half dozen copies of Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, 1914, to complete files. We offer two foreign exchanges for each copy mailed to Beverly, Mass., in the original folds.

—We shall not tire of sounding the merits of our "three-in-one" contract. You use during the month just the space you want, whether one-half, one, or two or more inches, and space is charged up on the basis of the amount used. One-half inch costs $1.25, one inch $2 and two or more inches at the rate of $1.80 per inch. There is no cheaper stamp advertising in the world. We now have no line rate.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Over 8000 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

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5c Error Free. See Stiles Adv. p. 286. Scott's next catalog free if preferred. *

U. S. 1861, 30c the best average copies, .60
U. S. 1862, 5c the best average copies, .40
The collector of U. S., Canada and Newfld. who is content with fair copies had better send me his want list as I can accommodate him as to stamps and price.
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For Sale—5c error used postally on cover addressed to purchaser $5.00. Fine. Wm. Schwarz, 422 1st Av., Pittsburg, Pa. A.P.S.3956.

Stamps at live-wire prices for wide-a-wake collectors. Send today for a selection on approval at net prices. J. HENRY ORR, 717 West Main St., Muncie, Ind. [92*

POSTAGE STAMPS OF D. W. I.

(Continued from page 287.)

March, 1902.—Issue of 1885-89 surcharged in black Perf. 14x13½.

36. 2 cents on 3 cents blue and carmine.
    (a) With wedge-shaped flaw.
    (b) Straight foot to "2" of "1902".
    (c) Thin numeral "9" in date.

May, 1902.—Issue of 1898-1901 surcharged at Copenhagen in black.

37. 2 cents on 3 cents blue and carmine.
    (a) With wedge-shaped flaw.
38. 8 cents on 10 cents blue and brown.
    (a) With period between "TS" of "CENTS".
    (b) With colon between "TS" of "CENTS".

1905.—Designed by P. V. T. Klint. Wmk. Crown. Center in second color.

    (a) Perf. 12½, 13.
39. 5 bit green.
40. 10 bit brick-red.
41. 20 bit emerald green and blue.
42. 25 bit blue.
43. 40 bit red and grey.
44. 50 bit yellow and grey.
    (b) Perf. 12.
45. 1fr green and blue.
46. 2fr brown and orange-red.
47. 5fr brown and yellow.

1905.—Issue of 1898-1903 surcharged in black. Perf. 12½, 13.

48. 5 bit on 4 cents brown and blue.
49. 5 bit on 5 cents blue.
50. 5 bit on 8 cents brown.

1908.—Frame designed by Gerhard Heitmann. Printed in Copenhagen. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 12½, 13. Center in second color.

51. 5 bit green.
52. 10 bit scarlet.
53. 15 bit violet and brown.
54. 20 bit green and deep blue.
55. 30 bit claret and black.
56. 50 bit yellow and brown.

1915.—King Christian X issue. Wmk. multiple crosses. Perf. 13½ x 14½.

57. 5 bit green.
58. 10 bit scarlet.
59. 15 bit violet and dark brown.
60. 20 bit green and blue.
61. 25 bit blue.
62. 40 bit vermilion and grey.
63. 50 bit brown and yellow.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

1902.—Designed by Fitrup and die engraved by Ch. Danielsen. Lithographed on unwatermarked paper. Perf. 11½.

64. 1 cent blue (five types).
65. 4 cents blue (five types).
66. 6 cents blue (five types).
67. 10 cents blue (five types).

1905.—Designed by P. V. T. Klint. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 12½, 13.

68. 5 bit red and grey.
69. 20 bit red and grey.
70. 30 bit red and grey.
71. 50 bit red and grey.

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For Sale, 100 var. Permits, .10
100 var. Prec. Stamps, all 1c, .20
100 var. Prec. Stamps, 1c to $1.00, .50
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N. Nigeria 1910-11, 1sh green, 40c. Bert DeGrush, 49 Withington St., Dorchester, Mass.

I will send an entire collection on approval to reliable parties willing to use $10.00 or over, and return in three days. References. H. R. STILES, Box 807, Schenectady, N. Y. *

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Stamp cataloged at 50c given to approval applicants. Send reference.
HOWARD E. JACKSON, Edgewater, N.J. [tf*

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168, Argentine 1910, 20c brown and blk., .10
170, Argentine 1910, 30c lilac and black, .10
171, Argentine 1910, 50c car. & black, .30
57, Chili 1903, 10c on 30c orange, .04
58, Chili 1904, 1c on 20c ultramarine, .02
59, 1904, 2c brown, 2c, No. 60, 5c red, .02
Geo. T. Simpson, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, N.Y.*

CHAPTER XXI.

British Stamps Used at St. Thomas.

In our introductory notes we stated that for many years St. Thomas was the headquarters of the British Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's service between Europe and America and no specialised collection of Danish West Indian stamps can be considered historically or philatelically complete unless it contains at least a representative assortment of the various British stamps used at the post office established there. These stamps were used from the early part of 1860 to the latter part of 1877 and can, of course, only be distinguished from the similar stamps used in the British Islands by the cancellations. Two types of obliterating marks were used, one being flat oval and the other upright oval in shape. Both were formed of thick parallel lines of uneven length containing the number assigned to this office—"C51." In connection with the upright oval mark a circular date-stamp containing the name "ST. THOMAS" was used, and this is occasionally found on the stamps as a cancellation. Messrs. Nissen and Bernstein, who have done such excellent work in compiling a list of all the known varieties of British stamps used abroad, give the following list known to have been used at St. Thomas:—

½d (Scott's type A25) plates 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12.
1d (Scott's type A10) plates 71, 72, 77, 79, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 105, 106, 107, 110, 112, 113, 114, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 130, 131, 133, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 144, 145, 146, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 182, 186, 189, 190, 197.
1½d (Scott's type A9) plate 3.
2d (Scott's type A8) plates 9, 12, 13, 14, 15.
3d (Scott's type A17) plates 4 (emblems), 4 (spray), 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
3d (Scott's type A27) plates 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.
4d (Scott's type A11) plates 3, 4.
4d (Scott's type A12) plates 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
4d (Scott's type A31) plates 15, 16 (vermilion); 15, 16 (olive green).
6d (Scott's type A14).
6d (Scott's type A18) plates 5, 6.
6d (Scott's type A22) plates 6, 8, 9.
6d (Scott's type A26) plates 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.
8d (Scott's type A32) plate 1.
9d (Scott's type A15).
9d (Scott's type A19) plate 4 (emblems), 4 (spray).
10d (Scott's type A20) plate 1.
1s (Scott's type A21) plates 4 (emblems), 4 (spray), 5, 6, 7.
1s (Scott's type A29) plates 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.
2s (Scott's type A23) blue and brown.
5s (Scott's type A24) plates 1, 2.

HOLLAND'S NEW STAMP TAXES.

A new law providing for stamps on legal, official and commercial documents took effect in the Netherlands the 1st day of June, 1917, Frank W. Mahin, consul at Amsterdam, reports to the Department of Commerce. There are general increases over the former stamp duties, in some cases 100 per cent, but the old rate of 5 Dutch cents (2 American cents) on a receipted bill for an amount above 10 florins ($4.02) is unchanged. In some other instances the old rate remains. Legal papers must bear a stamp of 30, 50 or 100 Dutch cents (12, 20 or 40 American), according to the size of the document. In general, a sheet of foolscap size must carry a 50-cent stamp. Under the old law it bore a 25-cent stamp. A copy of a document bears a 25-cent stamp, if it is evident that the required stamp was on the original.

A life insurance policy must have a florin (40 American cents) stamp; illness insurance, half a florin. Other insurance pays 5 cents (2 American) per 1,000 florins, with certain excentions. There is no stamp tax on burglary insurance, nor on certain kinds of insurance of the person. The insured in all cases must pay for the stamp.

The minimum stamp tax is 5 Dutch cents (2 American). Increases are by 5 Dutch cents each up to a tax of 25 cents, when the increases are 25 cents each up to 5 florins ($2.01), above which the increases are 50 cents each.

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CONTROL OF THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

(In the current number of the Colonial Journal is an interesting article dealing with the present division of the administrative control of the South Sea Islands. It is of sufficient interest to warrant reprinting. The magazine itself is one of unusual interest, dealing as it does with the commercial possibilities of the English Colonies. There is a note in the current number to the effect that the edition is printed on paper made from East African elephant grass. The paper is of excellent texture. The article referred to is herewith reproduced.—Ed.)

Viewed broadly the division of administrative control of the South Sea Islands is as follows:—

(a) Late German New Guinea (New Britain, New Ireland, the Admiralty Islands, etc.), together with the Northern Solomon Islands of Buka and Bougainville, are at present under the military administration of the Commonwealth.

(b) The Island of Nauru, situated about 30 miles south of the Equator, has been temporarily brought under the civil administration of the High Commissioner at Suva.

(c) The British Solomon Islands form a protectorate under the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner.

(d) Late German Samoa is at present under the military occupation of New Zealand.

(e) The Gilbert, Ellice and Union groups, including Ocean Island, Fanning, Washington and Christmas Islands, have been formed into a separate Imperial colony, but continue, for the time being, under the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner.

(f) The colony of Fiji is under an Imperial Governor, with whose office is combined that of High Commissioner for the Imperial Pacific possessions. The appointments are, however, separate and distinct. The ordinances of Fiji do not apply to the scattered groups under the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner. The great distances, combined with inadequate communication, render extremely difficult the task of central administration from Suva, which is far removed from the trade centre of the Pacific. Before the war, despatches from Ocean Island were often received in Downing Street, *via* the Trans-Siberian Railway, before copies, posted simultaneously, had reached Suva.

(g) Tonga is a British Protectorate, and is represented by an Agent, who is also responsible to the High Commissioner at Suva.

(h) The Cook group, and also the Kermadec Islands, are under the civil administration of New Zealand.

(i) Lord Howe Island is a part of New South Wales, and Norfolk Island is administered as a territory of the Commonwealth.

(j) A number of smaller groups and islands, such as the Phœnix, Santa Cruz, Banks, etc., are nominally under the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific.

(k) The New Hebrides are administered by the Anglo-French Condominium.

North of the Equator there are the Marianne, Caroline, and Marshall Islands, which are in the occupation of the military or naval forces of our Japanese ally.

(l) The important islands of New Caledonia and Tahiti, and some other islands, belong to our allies, the French.

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HOW IT IS DONE.

The following is a copy of the letter sent out by the editor of the American Philatelic Service, 519 Fifth St., Brooklyn, N. Y., and is self-explanatory.

"To The Managing Editor.
Dear Sir:

A leading philatelist in the United States estimates that there are in this country approximately 500,000 collectors of postage stamps. You are offered an opportunity, through the American Philatelic Service, to supply a free monthly philatelic feature to those of your readers who are among this half-million collectors.

In considering this opportunity, bear in mind that philately is not exclusively a hobby of children. Of the half-million collectors in the United States, upwards of *150,000* are adults—men and women. Philately is the avocation of many prominent persons in the country. George H. Worthington, of Cleveland, railroad director, possesses one of the world's largest collections, worth $1,000,000. Ernest R. Ackerman, former State Senator of New Jersey, has a collection valued at $600,000; Charles Lathrop Pack, of Lakewood, N J., noted forestry expert and a former president of the American Conservation Association, has a collection worth $600,000. These are estimated figures. Others who may be mentioned among America's "stamp fiends" are Joseph T. Lozier, of the Lozier automobile manufacturers, New York City; Thomas E. Steinway, of the Steinway piano manufacturing firm, Philadelphia; Brigadier-General Harry Hill Bandholtz, former chief of the Philippines Constabulary and former commanding officer at the citizens' military training camp at Plattsburgh; J. H. Towne of the Yale and Towne Lock manufacturing firm of Bridgeport, Conn.; Enrico Caruso, opera singer; Charles E. Hatfield, of Boston, former chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee; and J. C. Morgenthau, brother of Henry Morgenthau, former United States Ambassador to Turkey.

These are only a few. Philately draws from every walk of life. The United States army probably is the profession best represented, and some of the highest officers in this government service are collectors.

It is obvious, then, that every American newspaper has philatelists among its readers. If you desire to make use of the American Philatelic Service no other publication of any kind in your city will receive it. The news will be similarly published, on the first Saturday or Sunday of each month, in cities throughout the country, but with your city reserved exclusively for your paper.

The editor of the American Philatelic Service is an experienced writer of philatelic news. He is a man who has been, and now is, furnishing one of the largest weekly publications in the United States with this news, as well as one of the juvenile monthlies. He is acquainted with philatelists and philatelic dealers of note in New York City. He has access to one of the best philatelic libraries in the country. He has his finger constantly on the touch of world philately. Briefly, he is qualified to write intelligently, interestingly, informatively, of the topics to be dealt with in the Service. What he writes will not be rehash from the philatelic journals but will be timely stamp news and largely of a character which the philatelic trade papers themselves will feel compelled to copy because of its freshness and originality.

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TURKEY'S STAMP MONEY.

A deputy in a generally docile parliament demanded one day why the government couldn't issue 1-cent paper. The minister of finance gravely replied that it was not practicable, but that something would be done to ameliorate the situation.

That "something" was the issue as currency of a certain 1-cent postage stamp which had never been put on the market. Paper was pasted on the back to get rid of the sticky surface and stiffen the stamps. They were then put in the hands of the Constantinople public in the following chary manner. To cross the Golden Horn on the famous Stamboul bridge, a male pedestrian, unless he be in uniform, or is lame, halt or blind, must pay toll of a cent. Women also must pay, though some veiled Mohammedans of the old school just bustle by and that's an end of it! Well, at the bridge you could buy up to 4 cents' worth of these 1-cent postage stamps at a time and as you only had to give up one stamp to cross the bridge, you might, if you crossed often enough, get a supply of them.

That was the situation three months ago. Just what is the present condition of the postage stamps it would be hard to say. One thing is certain. To save their wear and tear there is not a particle of metal money in circulation in Constantinople today. Germany and Austria long ago resorted to iron money for the lowest denominations, but proud Turkey has never stooped to that.

Turkey has officially ordered her people to be careful how they handle the paper money and see that it is not torn, for once torn it is not good and cannot be redeemed. The Red Crescent, the Turkish equivalent of the Red Cross has seized the opportunity of selling folders to hold paper money without creasing it. And so perhaps Turkey from a monetary point of view will hold out as long as circumstances may require. But all the paper money is tricked by Germany. And that is why an inhabitant of Turkey would rather own a rug worth 20 pounds than have a hundred pounds of Turkish paper stowed away.—Boston *Herald*.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

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Georgian Issues.

As with the Edwardian issues, the proposed designs for the Georgian stamps were submitted to the new monarch. Several of them were either drawn or alterations suggested by the King himself. The first two values to appear were the ½p and 1p, but they could scarcely be called a success and suffered much derision from the cartoonists of the day. The penny stamp suffered most on account of the emaciated appearance of the British lion. The newspapers in their editorial treatment were exceedingly savage and the following from *John Bull* is typical of the newspaper comment:—

"Barring those at the foot of the Nelson candlestick in Trafalgar Square, there never was such a lion as that on the stamp. The artist must have gone to a pet spaniel for its body, and to a spring chicken for its soul."

Under the title "The New Stamp", a contributor to the *Evening News* wrote as follows on June 28, 1911:—

Who is this whose face I see
On this garish penny stamp?
Is it someone known to me?
Much I wonder as I damp
The adhesive that I better
May affix it to my letter.

Is it Mr. Samuel,
P. M. G., who saves the cash?
As I do not know him well
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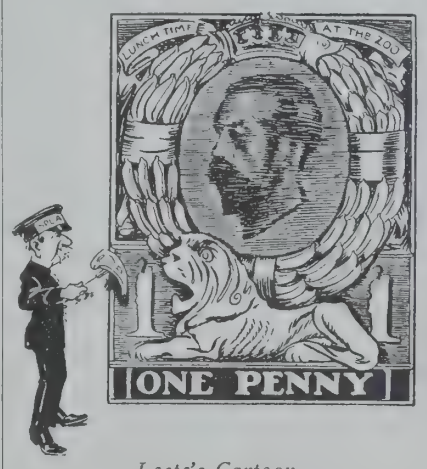
Is it Asquith, Haldane, Grey,
Or, more probably, John Burns?
Really, now, I couldn't say,
I decide on all by turns,
But as each one is selected
He is just as soon rejected.

What! You say it is the King?
Do not talk such stuff, I beg.
No, I tell you, no such thing.
Don't you try to pull my leg,
For I saw King George quite lately
And he can't have changed so greatly!

One famous caricature by the well known cartoonist-humorist, Alfred Leete, will ever rank as a philatelic souvenir as good as any "take-off" of the Mulready envelopes. It represented the penny stamp with a keeper from the Zoo, handing a sirloin of beef on a fork to the lion, whilst the wreath represented bunches of bananas.

The half-penny value had an allegorical design of Dolphius, symbolical of the maritime nation and the sailor monarch.

Although a monarchy, Britain is a democratic country, else those two first Georgian stamps would have caused many prosecutions for "lèse majesté."



Leete's Cartoon.

In six months' time King George, according to his portrait on the stamps, had visited his tonsorial artist and had a "trim up," whilst the lion had evidently benefited from Mr. Alfred Leete's feed, and likewise looked sleek. The redrawn type was, however, short lived and new designs made their appearance with the head larger and in profile, the Zoological department left out, and the wreath smaller, consisting now of laurel leaves on the left and oak leaves to the right. This design was used for the 1p and 2½p values.

The ½p "dolphin" design was redrawn with the head in profile instead of "three-quarters." This type was used for the ½p and 1½p values. For the 2p, 3p and 4p values a design not unlike the first penny, but without the lion, was employed, substituting the laurel leaves on the right for oak leaves—a national symbol.

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sceptre of Jupiter given to Neptune, whilst the 9p, 10p and 1sh bear the usual laurel wreath and the emblems of England (rose), Scotland (thistle) and Ireland (shamrock) in each lower corner. For some reason, and spoiling the symmetrical aspect from a philatelic point of view, the 8p value is printed on colored paper. The King's profile was specially drawn by Bertram McKinnell.

Several changes were in order as regards watermarks, and whilst first appearing complex, are fairly easy to arrange. Both types of the ½p and 1p were issued on the old "crown" paper. Then a new watermark of the Royal Cypher *repeated* was used. Two watermarks, or one and a portion of a second, would appear on each stamp. Then the cypher watermark was made *multiple* several portions covering the whole of the stamp.

Of the first two stamps two dies were used in their manufacture and can be distinguished as follows: In the first ½p, in die I the upper scales of the right hand dolphin form a triangle, whereas in die II the top scale is broken.

In the 1p value the second line of the shading of the right hand ribbon from the crown is long in die I, but in die II consists of several short lines.

June, 1911—Wmk. Imperial Crown.
Profile With Rough Beard.
½p green, Die A, perf. 14 and 14½-15x14.
½p bright green, Dies A and B, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p rose-red, Dies A and B, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p pink, Die B, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet, Die A, perf. 14.
1p scarlet, Die B, perf. 14½-15x14.

Jan., 1912—Wmk. Imperial Crown.
Profile With Trimmed Beard.
(In 1p value lion heavier shaded.)
½p bright green, perf. 14½-15x14.
½p deep green, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet red, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet, perf. 14½-15x14.

Oct., 1912—Wmk. "Repeated" Cypher.
Profile With Rough Beard.
½p bright green, die B, perf. 14½-15x14.
½p deep green, die B, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet, die B, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet-red, die B, perf. 14½-15x14.

Nov., 1912—Wmk. "Repeated" Cypher.
Profile With Trimmed Beard.
½p green, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet-red, perf. 14½-15x14.

Dec., 1912—Wmk. "Multiple" Cypher.
Profile With Trimmed Beard.
½p green, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet-red, perf. 14½-15x14.
1p scarlet, perf. 14½-15x14.

1912-13—Unified Series. Wmk. "Repeated" Cypher unless as noted.
½p yellow-green, perf. 14½-15x14.
½p bright green.
½p bright green wmk., multiple cypher.
1p scarlet.
1p scarlet, wmk., multiple cypher.
1p pale scarlet-red, 1917.
1½p brown.
2p orange-yellow, 1912.
2p pale orange, 1912-13.
2p orange, 1913-14.
2p deep orange, 1916.
2p orange red, 1917.
2p ———— ? 1917.
2½p bright blue.
2½p ultramarine.
3p bluish violet.
3p bright violet.
4p myrtle-green.
4p plate green.
4p bluish-olive-green.
5p yellow-brown.
5p deep yellow brown.
6p dull purple, chalky paper.
6p deep lilac (aniline), chalky paper.
6p bright purple, chalky paper.
7p olive green.
8p black on yellow.
9p purple-black, or agate.
9p brown-purple.
10p pale greenish blue.
10p greenish blue.
1sh bistre-brown.
1sh deep bistre-brown.

The 6p is printed in fugitive ink on chalky paper, for extra protection against fraud as a value used extensively for revenue and legal duties. This applies also to the previous issue.

Nearly all values have been printed at both Messrs. Harrison & Son's works and Somerset House, but the printings are indistinguishable without control on margins. It was decided that the high values of the new reign should be engraved as more fitting to their dignity than surface printing.

This work did not come within the class of printing executed by the contractors, so a fresh tender was put out, and secured by Messrs. Waterlow Bros. and Layton, London, an entirely different firm from the better philatelically known firm of Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., London.

The design is effective and a fine example of line-engraving. The medallion bearing the King's profile to the upper left swung from festoons of laurel wreaths, Britannia (evidently) urging three horses with her trident whilst bearing a shield representing the Union Jack.

A special paper bearing the Royal Cypher in enlarged form was made, and the stamps were perforated 11x12.

1913-16—Wmk. Large Royal Cypher. Perf. 11x12.
2sh 6p deep brown.
2sh 6p deep bistre-brown.
5sh deep carmine.
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Postage Due Stamps.

For the first time, though the first nation to use adhesive postage stamps, Great Britain in 1914 issued postage due stamps, and then only 5 values, one of which, the 1sh only, remained in use a short period.

Postage Due Stamps—Wmk. "Repeated" Cypher. Perf. 14½-15x14.
½p emerald.
1p carmine.
1p carmine-red.
2p purple-black or agate.
2p brown purple.
5p bistre-brown.
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Greeting:

Whereas, Much dissatisfaction has been expressed regarding the name of this organization; and

Whereas, It has been deemed advisable that there should be in this country an Academy of Philatelic Literature, in which membership should be conferred as a reward of merit to those who have distinguished themselves in the field of Philatelic Literature; and

Whereas, The Philatelic Press Club and Literature Society has acted in this capacity during the last year and a half;

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THE WORTHINGTON SALE.

(The sale of the Worthington collection in New York August 21-23 attracted a good deal of attention upon the part of the New York papers. The fact that Col. Green, son of the late Hetty Green, purchased over $13,000 worth of stamps was a choice morsel for the newspaper writers. Two clippings from the **New York Times** show not only the public interest taken in the Morgenthau sale, but also acquaint our readers with some of the prices realized.—Ed.)

Colonel E. H. R. Green, son of the late Hetty Green, who recently returned to New York from his honeymoon trip, spent over $13,000 for some of the rarest specimens of United States postage stamps at the sale of the celebrated George H. Worthington collection. The prices went far beyond expectations, and even the more ordinary specimens brought more than the regulation catalogue prices. Ten lots brought $1,000 or more each.

The keenest competition centred in the very rare inverted centres of some of the 1860 two-colored issue. One of these, the 15-cent brown and blue, unused, brought the highest price of the sale, $4,100. It was purchased by the Nassau Stamp Company for a private collector. The 30-cent, blue and carmine, perfectly centred, was obtained by the same buyer for $3,550. The 24-cent, green and violet, said to be the only known unused copy with the inverted centre brought $2,850.

Colonel Green, who was an unsuccessful bidder for these rarities, got a lightly canceled copy of the inverted 30 cent stamp for $1,500. This was the highest price he paid for a single stamp, although he bought several well above $100 each. Another heavy buyer was Henry Duveen, who has one of the famous collections in the world. Among his large purchases were the 5 cent brick red, a block of four unused, 1857, for $910; the 30 cent orange, 1867, with grill covering the entire stamp, for $655, and the 1 cent, grilled 13 by 16 mm., for $250.

The sale of the first part of the George H. Worthington collection of postage stamps closed last night at the Murray Hill Hotel. The total amount realized in the three days of the sale was $120,000. Of this, $87,000 was received for the United States stamps, which brought the highest individual prices.

The high price features yesterday were the early Rumanian stamps, some of which have never been sold before in this country at public sale. E. M. Sperling, a New York collector, paid $1,625 for a copy of the 81 para blue on wove paper of the Moldavia issue of 1854. It was one of the gems of the collection.

This was the highest price of the day. Two others brought more than $600 apiece, 108 para, 1854, blue on rose, $630, and a 5 para, black, with a blue date cancellation, 1858, $610. A 27 para Moldavia, 1854, lightly cancelled, 1854, brought $440, and a 54 para on green paper of the same issue, $260.

An unusual Russian stamp used on the original envelope from Petrograd to Vienna, 1902 issue, sold for $151. It was a 14 kopek stamp with the center inverted. An error stamp, 3½r of Finland, 1891, brought $251.

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We have received three complaints against Mr. Weed and would like further information in connection with his business transactions with our subscribers. If any of our readers have complaints please advise us the particulars at once.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Due to the lack of a quorum no session of the U. S. R. S. could be held at Alexandria Bay. The election of officers resulted in the choice of H. H. Elliott as first vice-president, Walter E. Goodwin, secretary, and H. S. Ackerman treasurer. An election for president and second vice-president will be held shortly.

—The boys of the Washington State Philatelic Society are doing their bit for Uncle Sam. Carl Reeves is now in training with the Engineering Corps somewhere in California. Two others have joined the Navy, and one of them, Sam Biggert, has just returned from Russia in the U. S. S. "Buffalo" with the Root Mission. Others have dug down into their jeans and invested what they have not spent for stamps for Liberty Bonds to say nothing about what we are all spending for War stamps.—C. UTERMARK.

—The importation of postage stamps cancelled or uncancelled is now prohibited. This information comes from the P. O. Department at Washington.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from E. J. Gregg.

—A card of greeting has been received from Harry E. Huber from San Juan, Porto Rico, where he is enjoying an outing.

—A. M. Dockery, Third Assistant Postmaster General, has issued a circular giving "Consolidated Instructions Applicable to Transmission of Mail to and from the U. S. Expeditionary Forces in Europe." It is rather a lengthy order and specimen copies can no doubt be secured by addressing Mr. Dockery at Washington.

—J. E. Guest advises us of the death of Ralph Spray of Mantua, Ohio, which occurred in Sydney, Australia, on August 25. Mr. Spray died suddenly from spinal meningitis and the news came through a cable from the American Consul. Mr. Spray was a member of the S. P. A. and while attending the Washington convention secured the material for his "Plate Number Check List" by which he will be best remembered in philately. Mr. Guest writes very feelingly of his intimate acquaintanceship with Mr. Spray and states that memorial services were held at the Mantua home on September 1.

THE CANADA WAR TAX STAMPS.

In our issue of August 18 was published a rather mystifying order from the office of the Postmaster General, dealing with the Canada 1c and 2c stamps surcharged "War Tax". The matter is cleared by a supplementary order from which we quote the following:

Pursuant to subsequent information received from the postal administration of Canada, the notice of this office dated the 6th instant, printed in the Daily Bulletin of the Department dated the 7th instant, is modified so as to read as follows:

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EDITORIAL.

Great—The Worthington auction sale in New York has been a fruitful subject for discussion and the success of the great sale argues that all is well with philately. Many conclusions may be drawn from the eventful sessions and an outstanding one is that stamps of the superior class are competed for with eagerness by buyers who are willing to pay well for establishing their preferences. It was somewhat inspiring to see how the rare pieces were sought for and how old records were smashed in the sweep of the demand of today. The financial strength of the market was proved beyond cavil. The priced catalogue of the Worthington sale is evidence of the esteem in which the better stamps of the world are held. The sale showed that the one replete with unusual lots invites the most attention; but this is a generality that long has had currency. A consideration that had its weight was the strong advertising that the Worthington collection had received while it was the property of the Cleveland philatelist who was always proud to pledge his faith in his chosen hobby. Marking the beginning of a season, the Worthington sale may be said to be a most auspicious augury of a lively trade time.

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Arrangement—From Mr. Henry A. Meyer, Evansville, Indiana, we have received a word commendatory of the Reverend Meister's plan of a numerical rearrangement of the catalogue, as published in our issue of August 11th. Mr. Meyer says: "If the catalogue arrangement cannot be both logical and chronological, then let it be logical. Think what a hopeless confusion would result from a strictly chronological arrangement of the multitude of United States stamps issued since 1912, beginning in the catalogue with the Panama-Pacific issue. Worse, suppose that the various Mexican stamps from the Oaxaca set to the present time, including some eight combinations of surcharges, each on many different issues of stamps, should be strictly chronologically arranged. The cataloguers have taken a step in the right direction in arranging these logically. The reform could be extended to many countries other than British Colonies." We realize that there are different reasons to make a publisher of a standard catalogue reluctant to make a reform of the nature indicated, retroactive but it is within his province to regard seriously with an eye to adoption of the plan whose advantages in respect to the later issues are unassailable. We may add that Mr. Meyer had adopted the logical sequence in his own collection many years ago, to his utmost satisfaction.

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Back—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who when he found that any person unknown to him in his city was a collector would call unannounced, stamp album under arm, with intent to trade? Is this o. f. c. discussing the division of Dakota Territory with the old-fashioned dealer who would not buy a catalogue because he knew better how to price his stamps than any other dealer, he said.

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Speed—Our urbane chronicler of new issues certainly is spreading himself and is doing full justice to the wealth of material that is at his hand. In view of our somewhat belated recognition of the attractions of the war stamps, we feel that it is incumbent upon us every now and then to say a hearty good word for the novelties of the day. We assert that never before have the new issue packets enclosed so remarkable a range of stamps as at present. To obtain these fascinating stamps at first hand is a privilege that is being valued more and more. The ascendancy of the stamp as a national and economic factor is admitted by any outsider who is shown a collection of war issues.

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Suggested—"Start a symposium on what stamp design made the most indelible impression on the individual," speaks up a friendly face. "The 'pelican feeding her young' found on one of the Louisiana state revenue stamps, first seen many years ago, made a profound hit with me." We may add that the bird and her fledgelings make an effective picture. Whenever we see the Liberia, 1903 registration stamps, we think of the description a writer gave of the personage depicted on the stamps. He said that the dignitary "looks like a poodle dog."

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Reversed—It is not often that a new turn is given to an old stamp tradition. We have all smiled tolerantly over the man who haunted the dealers' shops with the alibi that he was not interested in collecting, himself, but that he was buying the stamps for his boy. Recently, a boy was observed buying stamps from a want-list of good proportions; and when the bill had got to a good size, the affable dealer intimated to the boy that he must have a good collection. "No," said the precocious youngster, emphatically, "it's my father's collection; he's ashamed to buy the stamps himself, I guess." The boy has now been found who buys stamps for his father.

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Gay—"I think that the important looking man who comes to an auction sale to bid solely on one lot and then makes a mistake and buys the wrong lot adds to the gayety of the philatelic nation," says an observer of philatelic customs. The luckless wight could join hands with the near-sighted man who occasionally, through his handicap, hinges a stamp in his album upside down.

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Ethics—A friend to the dealer happened to be in the shop when a collection was offered for sale. After conferring with the caller, the dealer handed the album to the friend standing near and asked him, out of earshot of the seller, what he would pay for the collection. After due examination of the collection the friend said: "Seventy-five dollars." "That is not enough," said the dealer. "I have offered him fifty dollars and he doesn't want to take it." Sometime later, the friend was looking in the dealer's front window at the stamp display, when the collecting chap with his album came along and casually entered into philatelic conversation. The friend recognized the collector as the one who had offered the album and thinking to do the dealer a good turn, he said that he would give forty dollars for the stamps. "I'll take it," snapped back the album owner. The friend thought that his offer would show that the dealer was magnanimous in offering fifty dollars. "How comes it that you will sell for forty when the dealer offered you fifty dollars," said the friend. "He didn't; $31 was all he'd give and I was on my way back to take him up," said the seller.

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Opening—If the curtain does not ascend on the philatelic stage coincidentally with the opening of school throughout our broad land, at least the orchestra begins to play, whetting anticipation for the treat to come. Our prediction of a highly successful season is brief as we shall not have to labor to make our point that the subsequent activity of a stamp season is in direct ration to the interest shown in stamps during the summer months. In three words, stamps will hum, for many a month to come.

TAX PAIDS.

By Leslie Hart, Altoona, Pa.

I have become interested in what is to me the most interesting sideline of our U. S. stamps, namely, Tax-Paids. The odd fractional values, combined with their many varieties, never become tiresome. After one has collected a fairly representative collection of the regular varieties of Tax Paids, that is, the beer and liquor stamps, tobacco stamps, cigarettes and cigars, snuff stamps, etc., there are many by-ways into which he may wander. He may run across some wholesale liquor dealer's license cards, or an oleo license; he may find some custom house receipts or some distilled liquor case stamps; any of these will lead him into strange paths.

There are the same elements of interest as there are in other philatelic lines. The early beer stamps are circular in shape and undated. Many of the snuff stamps are impressed on tinfoil. Some of the tobacco and oleo stamps have coupons for the odd values. There are minor varieties of shades and perforations, varieties of paper, surcharges, as on the 1898, or 1914 emergency Tax Beer stamps or the 1890 tobacco stamps. Then there are odd values, such as ¾ oz., 1⅔, 3¾, 14 oz. tobacco, 2.4 gallons distilled spirits, 7 lbs. or 9 lbs. Manf. Tobacco, 13 cigars, 5, 8 or 15 cigarettes being good examples.

One of the most fascinating things about collecting these stamps is the chase after rare varieties. I searched long for a 13 cigar stamp, without avail, until one day three separate copies were offered me by different correspondents. A series that will repay a hunt is the 1914 Emergency Tax Beer Stamps, surcharged on the 1909 series. Of course, most of the Tax Paids issued before 1875 are scarce because many of them have been destroyed in the course of time. Then there are stamps of recent date, such as the smoking tobacco 1⅔, 3¾ or 10 oz. 1910, 1⅔ oz. 1902 on green paper, 100 cigarettes, 24 or 48 lbs. Manf. Tobacco and others that will take quite a search, unless one has luck in finding a correspondent with duplicates.

Tax Paid collecting is a comparatively virgin field. Check lists are scarce, and incomplete. Prices are low, and very unsettled in the different sections of the country. There is much to be learned along this line, before they can be catalogued with precision. For the collector, knowledge of the intricate revenue system of our government will be unconsciously obtained. The tax is quoted on most of the stamps. In 1898, and again in 1914, resource was had to surcharges to increase the tax rate on these stamps.

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By B. W. H. POOLE.

(Supplementary to Chapter XVII.)

The stamps as described above are printed on a very white paper and they appear to be the only ones that have ever been minutely described in print. Mr. J. M. Bartels, who has made a close study of these stamps, so long ago as December, 1910, in the course of a short article in the *Philatelic Gazette*, pointed to the existence of an entirely different setting for all values. Through the courtesy of Mr. Bartels I have been able to examine his sheets and blocks and can now give a more detailed description of this little known setting.

Mr. Bartels is of the opinion that his sheets represent the first or earliest printings while the types previously described are from the latest printings issued prior to the change to bit currency. I think this is an entirely reasonable assumption as Mr. Bartels' stamps were obtained direct from St. Thomas at about the time these postage due stamps were first placed on sale. They are on paper showing a distinct yellowish tone—very different from the white paper of the other setting which was, by the way, the only one represented in the remainders sold at Copenhagen.

The types are all quite distinct, showing that entirely new transfer strips were made for the different printings. The types found in the sheets of the first printings are as follows:—

The 1 Cent.

Type I.—The second "I" of "INDIEN" is without the usual dot above it.

Type II.—There is a slight defect in the top frame line above the "S" of "DANSK", and a tiny dot is attached to the top of the small circle at the right between the two inscriptions on the circular band.

Type III.—A very tiny dot is attached to the base of the "C" of "CENT" and another is shown between the letters "TI" of "VESTINDIEN".

Type IV.—The top of the large numeral "1" at the left is quite flat instead of being pointed like the others.

Type V.—The small dot in the ornament in the upper right corner has a small white space in it.

The 4 Cents.

Type I.—A tiny dot is attached to the left foot of the final stroke of the "M" of "PORTOMAERKE".

Type II.—There is a colored dot above the "K" of "MAERKE".

Type III.—A tiny dot is attached to the left side of the second stroke of the "M" of "MAERKE" making it appear a little crooked.

Type IV.—The second "I" of "INDIEN" is without the usual dot above it.

Type V.—There is a tiny colored dot between the two circles above the space between the letters "SK" of "DANSK".

The 6 Cents.

Type I.—A tiny dot or line joins the extreme top of the ornament in the upper right corner to the adjoining frame line.

Type II.—There is a minute colored dot in the centre of the large numeral "6" at right.

Type III.—The "AN" of "DANSK" are lightly joined at foot.

Type IV.—The left serif on the foot of the "T" of "CENTS" is almost invisible.

Type V.—There is a small circle instead of a solid dot of color between the upper and lower inscriptions, at the left side.

The 10 Cents.

Type I.—A short colored line is attached to the circle below the "R" of "PORTO" and another line projects from the large "0" of "10" in the left lower corner.

Type II.—A colored line joins the tops of the letters "ST" of "VESTINDIEN".

Type III.—The lower part of the letter "P" of "PORTO" is badly misshapen.

Type IV.—There is a colored dot on the large central "R".

Type V.—There is a small circle instead of solid dot of color at the right, between the two inscriptions on the circle.

In addition to the above Mr. Bartels has shown me a strip of five types of of the 10c denomination which does not fit into either of the above described settings. It would appear, therefore, that there was a third printing of the 10c value at any rate. The paper of this strip is quite yellowish and it possibly represents the first printing for any of the values. The following distinguishing features of the five types cannot, of course, be guaranteed as strictly accurate until other strips are found for comparison and verification.

The 10 Cents.

Type I.—The inner right side of the large "0" at right is defective and the dot between the inscriptions on the same side is not solid.

Type II.—The right dot on this stamp also is not solid and the upper left corner is damaged.

Type III.—The left dot on this stamp is not solid and a line extends from it. About 1 mm. of the left frame line is missing from the top.

Type IV.—There are two small breaks or white spaces on the "M" of "PORTOMAERKE".

Type V.—The inner circle is broken below the "R" of "PORTO".

CHINESE RURAL ROUTES EXTENDING DESPITE DIFFICULTIES.

Excepting only the Maritime Customs Service, of which it is in reality an outgrowth, there is nothing in China which enjoys a record of more uniform growth and constantly increasing efficiency than the Chinese Post Office. It is a far cry from the four courier routes of 1878 to the 160,000 miles and more of postal communications at present in operation, which handle at their eight thousand offices nearly seven hundred millions of articles per year. And this progress, while steady always, is going on by leaps and bounds at the present time. In five years the number of post offices has practically doubled, which means in turn the reaching of the delivery routes ever further into the interior. How far the post is in advance of the railroads may be shown by the fact that out of the total 160,000 miles referred to above, more than 135,000 miles are courier routes. At the same time, it must not be supposed that the mail service is of a rural delivery character, interested only in the delivery of mail without particular haste or efficiency. The latest report naively laments the fact that special delivery letters are unpopular in the large ports, because "they cannot be delivered to any appreciable extent sooner than the regular mails."

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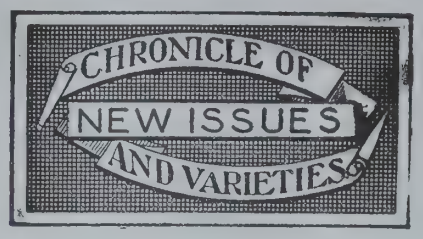
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UNITED STATES.—We have an interesting letter from Mr. J. E. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which tells its own story. The letter is as follows:

"Your letter of the 20th instant was duly received, enclosing a block of twenty-five 2-cent stamps, which seem to have a watermark in the paper on which they are printed, but which you cannot decipher, and request me to advise you if this Bureau is again using watermarked paper for the stamps. In reply, I return the block of twenty-five 2-cent stamps and beg to state that there is some slight irregularity in the paper due to 'pick-up' of the dandy or wires of the paper machine that might be mistaken for watermarking, but it is entirely accidental. Postage stamp paper now used is not watermarked, and we will probably never again use watermarked paper for such stamps."

The stamps we submitted to Mr. Ralph show irregular thin spots in the form of thin lines, curled and twisted, throughout the paper, appearing on every stamp. It is curious, but Mr. Ralph's letter explains exactly what the lines mean, the pulp being picked up by the dandy, probably, and the dandy revolving with the small particles of pulp adhering to it impresses the paper with these small pieces of pulp, thus thinning the paper at these spots.

Mr. G. H. Grinnell shows us a double off-set of the current circular die 2-cent envelope stamp, i. e., normal impression and two additional light impressions. It is indeed a double off-setting, and was probably caused by a shifting, while the ink was still moist on the envelope, of the envelope on top of it, which transferred the impression a little lower than the original and again carried it a little higher. The stamp is die A on white entire.

Mr. C. M. Breder sends us a copy of the current 2-cent circular die newspaper wrapper albino, for which we tender our thanks.

(1391)—Mr. G. B. Newton, Jr., shows us a letter from the expeditionary force in France, the stamp on which is cancelled by rubber stamp with four short bars, and a large circular postmark contains "U. S. ARMY POSTAL SERVICE" around the top and "NO. 2" at the bottom. The date in three lines is in the center. The censor mark is like that described in our Chronicle of Aug. 25th, but with the number "A. 12" at the bottom instead of "A. 15." The cancellation is in ink-pad-red, while the censor mark is in purple.

ABYSSINIA.—*Le Journal Philatelique de Berne* states that a new series is in preparation for this country, and the designs will include pictures of Ethiopian fauna.

ALBANIA.—(1390)—Mr. Henry Pepper Norris advises us, and we thank him for the courtesy, that he has a set of stamps like those given under "1." in our list of Aug. 18th, except that the series consists of additional values and all are in different colors. They are all "used," cancelled in purple "Valona, Oct. 16, 1914" and some Turkish (?) characters. The values and colors are as follows: 5 para, orange; 10p green; 20p red; 1 piastre, blue and light blue; 2p purple and yellow-brown; 5p brick-red and gray; 10p brown and rose, and 25p gray and yellow, all on white paper and perforated 11½. Mr. Norris informs us that he purchased the stamps from the Economist Stamp Co. in 1915, so perhaps this firm will be kind enough to tell us what they know about the stamps.

ARGENTINE.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* receives word from one of its subscribers that a new watermark will be used for the stamps of this country, to consist of the Sun and the letters R A.

CAPE JUBY.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* quotes another contemporary for the information that a definite series is in preparation for this new Spanish Colony. In the meanwhile, stamps of Spain overprinted for Morocco are in use in Cape Juby.

We are glad to know where the Spanish Morocco stamps are used, after receiving mail from Morocco, franked with ordinary Spanish stamps.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—(1391)—We listed a new Red Cross stamp in our Chronicle of Aug. 25th. *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the absence of the "Protectorat Francais" in the overprint, indicates that the stamp is for use in Tanger. Although the simple postage rate is 15c, the value of the stamp, 10c+5c, is the same, and our contemporary asks, therefore, how will it be used. Our contemporary also states that in the sheet of three hundred, no two of the stamps show the overprinting (surcharge) exactly alike. We can answer: they will be used for sale to collectors, and as every stamp is different, each French Colonial specialist will have to have an entire sheet of the stamps. Yo! Ho! For Charity.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(1385)—We reprint the following letter, which was addressed to the Editor of *The Philatelic Magazine:*

"Sir:—I have a copy of this error, which I believe is the only other copy in existence besides the one referred to in the *British Philatelist.* I am not in a position to confirm the particulars given by Messrs. C. Nissen and Co., Ltd., but the copy I have, Die M.2., is no doubt from the same lot. My information is that £60 worth of the halfpenny envelopes were ordered from the post office, and when delivered it was found out by the firm that the 1d Die had been used. The envelopes were returned to the post office, and were, I believe, subsequently destroyed with the exception of the two now known to exist. My copy was purchased on April 11th, 1917.

(Signed) D. A. BERRY."

The letter, of course, refers to the 1d green envelope mentioned in our Chronicle of July 14th. What a lost opportunity for the firm purchasing the £60 worth! Couldn't they have made a tidy sum by selling the errors to stamp collectors? They could.

According to *Stamp Collecting*, the "QNE" variety has turned up again in a new printing of the current 1d stamps. Is it from a new plate which has received a scratch in the identical position of the old, or has the old plate been brought into use again, the stamps being in the current shade of color.

This country is experiencing difficulties in regard to the inks for printing their stamps, similar to the trouble which arose in the American Bureau of Engraving & Printing some time ago. New printings of the 2sh 6d and 5sh stamps show the "pink back" variation which occurred with the United States 2c, 3c, 4c, 12c, and $1 last year. The following new shades are listed by *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News:*

Adhesives.
2sh 6d deep Vandyke-brown, pink back.
2sh 6d bright Vandyke-brown, pink back.
2sh 6d dull Vandyke-brown, pink back.
5sh rose (aniline), pink back.
5sh carmine-red (aniline), deep pink back.

GREECE.—(1391)—The overprint on the War Tax stamps, which we listed on Aug. 25th, containing the letters "K.P." seems to have started something the world over, these letters proving to be rather a Chinese puzzle instead of a Greek one. A Greek correspondent writing to our Managing Editor stated that these letters stood for "Kinonikis Pronias"; *Scott's Circular* gives the words as "Koinonikes Pronoils," while the *Madrid Filatelico* says "Koinonikes Ponoils." Well, whatever it is, it means "Tax for Charity." Thus we have a tax stamp and a charity stamp all in one.

INDIA.—*(Hyderabad.)*—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has received the ½a and 1a Official stamps of Hyderabad in a new perforation, 13½ instead of 12½. Their correspondent states that other values of the Official series as well as the ordinary postage stamps exist with the new perforation, but that he has not seen them as yet.

Official Stamps.
Perforated 13½.
½a bright green.
1a bright rose.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. M. P. Hynes submits a specimen of the 2c, Coronation type, head of King George, of such inferior printing that it appears to be surface-printed instead of line-engraved. It is either from a deteriorated plate, or produced by a new method of manufacture for these stamps, a question hard to decide until we have further information. The paper is white with a coarse weave, and the color of the stamp is lighter and brighter than the deep rich color of the original printing, while the perforation is the same.

PERU.—*Scott's Circular* chronicles the 1c official stamp of 1909, their No. 476, overprinted, for use as regular postage, with their type "d," shown under 1916. We believe, if the stamp was shown to us, that it would prove to be the 1c on bluish-white paper of 1914. If it is of the 1909 printing, coming along at this late date, and old stock used for overprinting, a very careful investigation should take place to prove its authenticity.

Provisional Adhesive.
1c on 1c red.

REUNION.—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* states that the 4c stamp current type has been surcharged "0,01" in large type. The first printing consisted of 30,000 stamps, and the second 70,000. Inverted surcharges are known, and whether they were accidental or not, they were immediately placed in the hands of dealers and collectors.

Provisional Adhesives.
0.01 on 4c olive-green and red.
a. Surcharge inverted.

Advertising Chat

—We are gratified at the requests that are coming to us for information in connection with our advertising rates. To all prospective users of the WEEKLY we urge our three-in-one contract as the best ever. You take just what space you want and pay for what you really use.

—What are you doing to make your collection more valuable? Or are you letting the other fellow do it all? Every collector that you make adds to the great world family of philatelists and improves the value of your holdings. The least you can do is to use our little leaflet, "The Charm of Stamp Collecting" in every letter you write. It is a dignified presentation of the claims of our hobby and the price is reasonable, fifty for 25c. Write this office for a supply or at least a sample copy.

—Henry Trenka of West New York, N. J., has taken out a three-in-one contract. Mr. Trenka is an active member of the Passaic Stamp Club and comes to us well recommended.

—Another convert to the three-in-one contract is M. J. Fenster, who is doing business at 65 S. Allen St., Albany, N. Y. Mr. Fenster has used adlet space a great deal during the past year and will henceforth use displayed space.

—We want a few copies of the WEEKLY dated Feb. 7, 1914, in order to complete three files for that year. We offer some foreign exchanges for each copy mailed to Beverly, Mass., in the original folds.

—The firm of W. C. Phillips & Co., Glastonbury, Conn., has opened a store in Hartford. We have proof positive that there are many collectors in Hartford and this stroke of enterprise upon the part of the Phillips Co. should be successful. Hartford collectors will no doubt take a good deal of satisfaction in knowing that they have a stamp store in their midst.

—Have you had any trouble with John Weed, Centerville, Mich.? If so, write this office.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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Confidential Wholesale list for dealers Only. Harbor Stamp Co., Wilmington, Cal. [09*

RUSSIA.—(1388)—*L'Echo de la Timbrologie* is our authority for stating that the recently issued imperforate stamps, type A14, used in Nijni-Novgorod, were there perforated by a machine which pierced the holes ten times in two centimeters. The authorities did not like the idea of cutting the stamps apart with scissors.

Adhesives.
Pin-perforated 10.
1k orange. 3k red.
2k green. 5k lilac-rose.

SAMOA.—(1384)—*Scott's Circular* chronicles the 6d George head of New Zealand overprinted "SAMOA" in blue.

Adhesive.
6d carmine-rose.

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1. The Department is now prepared to furnish "window" stamped envelopes as follows:

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2. "Window" stamped envelopes will be furnished only with printed return cards and not plain. Requisitions should be drawn on Form 3202.

3. The "windows" are 4 15-16 inches long and 1 3-16 inches high. In the No. 5 envelope the "window" is located about 5/8 inch from the left edge and 7-16 inch from the bottom. In the No. 8 the "window" is about 13-16 inch from the left edge and ½ inch from the bottom. This information is given so that inquirers may determine whether the addresses on their inclosures will fit the "window."

4. Postmasters will give this notice all the publicity possible without expense to the Department.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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CALIFORNIA PENNY POST CO.—Another San Francisco local post, founded by J. P. Goodwin in 1855. The office of the Company was situated at 135 California Street, and a number of stamps and envelopes were issued. Some of these were for the payment levied for conveying letters to the Post Office, others for the conveyance of letters from the Post Office to the addressees, and others paid the charge for letters collected and delivered within the City.

CALIMNO.—One of the smaller islands in the Aegean Sea occupied by the Italians in 1913 and for which certain values of the then current stamps of Italy were overprinted "Calimno."

CALLAO.—The chief port of Peru situated seven miles southwest of the capital and having a population of about 50,000. The name of this town appears on the 5c stamps issued in April, 1871.

CALVERT, S.—An engraver and member of the firm of Calvert Bros. of Melbourne, Australia. He engraved the dies and his firm produced the 6d and 2s stamps of Victoria issued in 1854. He also engraved the "Too Late" and "Registered" stamps issued by the same Colony.

CAMB. AUST. SIGILLUM NOV.—(See Sigillum Nov. Camb. Aust.)

CAMEROONS.—A German colony in west Africa having an area of 191,074 square miles and a population of over 3,500,000. It extends some 200 miles along the Bight of Biafra, its boundaries touching the Benue, Lake Chad, and the Shari Valley. The natives are Bantus on the coast lands and Sudanese in the interior. It was made a German protectorate in 1884. Since 1901 the seat of Government has been at Buea, though the chief town is Duala. The first special stamps for use in the Cameroons were issued in 1897.

CAMEROUN.—The French rendering of Cameroons as shown upon the Gabon stamps surcharged for use in the territory under French occupation in 1915.

CAMPBELL & FERGUSSON.—A firm of printers of Melbourne, Australia, who printed some of the first 1d and 3d stamps of Victoria, produced the lithographed 2d stamp of 1854, and also engraved the die for and lithographed supplies of the 1s stamp for the same colony issued in July, 1854.

CAMPECHE.—The Spanish name for the State of Campeachey, Mexico. It has an area of 18,087 square miles and a population of about 85,000. During 1876 the local authorities issued special 5c, 25c and 50c stamps, all of which are now of considerable rarity. (See also "Admon Pral. de Correos en Campeche.")

CAMPOS, AUG. DE.—A Portuguese artist and engraver who engraved the die for the Dom Luiz stamps of Portugal, issued in 1870, and also the die for the 2 reis newspaper stamps issued in 1884.

CANADA.—The Dominion of Canada comprises the whole of British North America except Newfoundland and Labrador. The territory, nearly as large as Europe, stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific and is estimated to contain an area of 3,745,574 square miles and a population of about six millions. Canada was originally discovered by Cabot, who sighted part of the coast when he discovered Newfoundland in 1497, but its history only dates from 1534, when Jacques Cartier landed on the Gaspé coast and took possession of the country in the name of Francis I, King of France. Nothing was done in the way of permanent settlement and occupation until 1608, when Samuel de Champlain, who had visited the country in 1603 and 1604, founded the city of Quebec. Meanwhile French settlements were made in what are now known as the maritime provinces, but which were then called Acadia. As a result of these settlements an enormous tract of territory was claimed by France; but the claim was contested by Great Britain on the grounds of prior discovery. A long struggle was carried on between England and France, leading to the cession of Acadia to Britain under the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. In 1759 the British forces, under the leadership of General Wolfe, captured Quebec, and in 1763 the whole of Canada was ceded to Britain by the terms of the Treaty of Paris. Of all its once large Canadian dependency France only retained the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, off the coast of Newfoundland. The political capital and seat of Government is at Ottawa. The first Canadian postage stamps were issued in 1851.

CANAL MARITIME DE SUEZ.—The inscription shown on the stamps of the Suez Canal Company, issued in 1868.

CANAL ZONE.—A strip of territory, ten miles wide, running across the Isthmus of Panama, which, by virtue of a treaty drawn up between the governments of the United States and Panama, in December, 1903, is granted to the United States in perpetuity for the construction, maintenance, operation, sanitation and direction of the Panama Canal, which will enormously shorten the sea voyage between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. For this concession the United States agreed to pay to the republic of Panama the sum of $10,000,000 in gold and an annual payment of $250,000 during the life of the convention beginning in 1912. This strip of territory is thus virtually a colony of the United States, and as such its postal system is separate from that of Panama. Since June 24th, 1904, all the stamps used here have been overprinted with the word "Canal Zone."

CANARIAS.—The Spanish name for the Canary Islands—a volcanic group in the Atlantic Ocean, off the northwest coast of Africa, which form a province of Spain. The group has a total area of 2,808 square miles and a population (mostly Spanish) of nearly 400,000. The islands were discovered in 1334 by a Frenchman, and in 1402 they were taken possession of by Jean de Bethercourt, a Norman, who afterwards surrendered his right to the King of Spain. After a struggle which extended over the greater part of the

15th Century, the Spaniards made themselves masters of the whole of the archipelago (1495). In 1868, after the revolution in Madrid and the proclamation of a Provisional Government, all the 50 mils. stamps used in the Canaries were overprinted "HPN" (Habilitado por la Nacion) by order of the local junta or revolutionary council.

CANCELLATION.—A mark applied to a stamp that has performed its duty, either postally or fiscally, to prevent its re-use. Postal cancellations are marks applied—usually by means of metal stamps—to stamps that have franked postal packages, while fiscal cancellations are marks applied to stamps used on documents of any sort. The latter are frequently cancelled by pen and ink. All pen-cancelled stamps are, however, not of necessity fiscally used specimens, for in many countries, when stamps were first introduced, proper provision was not made for obliterators, so the postal employees cancelled the stamps with pen and ink.

CANCELLED-TO-ORDER. — A term applied to stamps which are sold in a cancelled condition, and which have never performed any postal duty. Whole sheets of stamps, usually with the original gum still adhering, are cancelled thus, either "by favor", for the benefit of collectors who insist on having used stamps, or so that the labels can be sold below face value. The issues of the British North Borneo Company from 1887 are notorious examples of the latter class of cancelled-to-order stamps. Sometimes, too, remainders have been cancelled so that they could be sold for a mere fraction of their original facial value, as in the case of the remainders of the St. Helena stamps. Fortunately, in the majority of cases, the marks employed for obliterating stamps of this kind differ materially from the cancellations applied to stamps which have been legitimately used for postal purposes.

CANCELLED-V R I.—An overprint found upon certain Transvaal stamps which were issued in the small township of Wolmaranstad, Transvaal, on its occupation by British troops in June, 1900.

CANDAREEN.—The value denoted upon most of the early stamps of Shanghai. It is a local spelling for "Candarin" and has the same monetary value.

CANDARIN.—The value in which all the stamps of China issued prior to 1897 were expressed. A candarin was the hundredth part of a tael and had a value equal to about ½c in U. S. currency.

CANEA.—(See La Canea.)

CANTON.—The capital of the province of Kwang-tung, in the southeastern portion of China. It is known to the Chinese as Kwang-chan-fu or Shengcheng. It was the first Chinese port to be opened to European trade, and is now a flourishing town with nearly two million inhabitants. The town is of great antiquity, for it dates back to the 8th Century B. C., when it was known as Yang-cheng (city of rams). The East India Company, following in the wake of Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch traders, visited it in 1684 and soon afterwards established a "factory" there which lasted until 1804. In 1842, by the Treaty of Nanking, Canton was formally declared one of the five ports open to foreign trade. Canton was attacked by the British in 1841 and 1856. On the first occasion it was ransomed, and on the second the forts were taken and the walls breached. In consequence of non-compliance with the terms of a treaty, the city was attacked by Franco-British forces in 1857 and occupied until 1861. Several of the Powers maintain Consular offices at this port, at which postal business is transacted. Since 1901 the Office maintained by the French Government has been supplied with special stamps formed by overprinting the current stamps of Indo-China with "CANTON" and Chinese characters.

CANTONAL STAMPS.—Prior to the introduction of postage stamps for general use throughout Switzerland, the cantons of Zurich and Geneva and the town of Bâle (Basle) issued stamps for local, or cantonal, purposes under the authority of their respective Councils. These are usually known as "cantonal stamps," to distinguish them from the Federal issues which appeared in 1850.

CANTONAL TAXE.—An inscription appearing upon the 6 rappen stamp of Zurich, Switzerland, issued under the authority of the cantonal government. The word "taxe" (tax) is in this connection intended to infer the "postage to be paid."

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—An extensive British colony comprising the southern portion of the continent of Africa. It has an area of 276,995 square miles and a total population of about 2,500,000, of whom only 600,000 are whites. The native population may be divided into Bushmen (the earliest aboriginal race, now nearly extinct); the Hottentots, which inhabit the western provinces; and the great Bantu race, usually known as Kaffirs. The colony was first discovered in 1486 by Bartholomew Diaz, the commander of one of the many expeditions sent out by successive kings of Portugal to discover an ocean route to India. Diaz doubled the Cape and returned home. In 1497, another navigator, the famous Vasca da Gama, not only doubled the Cape, but landed in what is now known as Natal and successfully accomplished the journey to India. The Portuguese, however, did not make any attempt to form a permanent settlement at the Cape, although it was used by their vessels and subsequently by those of England and Holland as a place of call on the voyage to and from the East Indies. In 1652 the Dutch East India Company took possession of the shores of Table Bay and the adjacent territory in order to be always ready with supplies for their passing vessels. Until 1796 the Dutch were predominant, but in that year the Cape was captured by a British force. In 1803 it was restored to the Batavian government, only to be again occupied by a British force three years later. Finally, at the general peace of 1814, it was ceded in perpetuity to the British Crown, as an equivalent for the £6,000,000 advanced by the British government for the defense of the Low Countries in the Napoleonic wars. The Cape of Good Hope is now one of the States constituting the Union of South Africa. It issued its first postage stamps on September 1st, 1853.

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.—A group of small islands belonging to Portugal, lying about 320 miles west of Cape Verde on the west coast of Africa. The group consists of St. Antonio, St. Nicolas, Fogo, Santiago, Boavista, Sal and several small islands, having a total area of 1,490 square miles and a population of about 150,000. The islands are of volcanic formation and are separated from one another by deep sea passages. They were discovered by Cadamosto in 1456 and colonised by Prince Ferdinand, to whom they were granted in 1562. The capital is named St. Vincent. The first postage stamps for the Cape Verde Islands were issued in 1877.

CAP OF LIBERTY.—A well-known republican symbol forming part of the design of numerous postage stamps of such countries as Hayti, Liberia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Salvador, etc. It also forms the watermark in some of the "Seebeck" issues of Ecuador, Nicaragua and Salvador.

CARDBOARD.—A material (the ordinary Bristol board of commerce) on which proof impressions of stamps are frequently printed. Most of the plate proofs of United States stamps exist upon cardboard.

CARDIFF PENNY. — The name by which imperforate copies of the 1d red British stamps of the series of 1858-79, printed from Plate 116, are generally known. A sheet of these stamps was inadvertently issued without perforations at Cardiff on January 22nd, 1870, hence the name. The fact that this is the only one of the 1d plate numbers catalogued in an imperforate condition gives this particular stamp a standing out of all proportion to its value, for undoubtedly imperforate copies of other plate numbers are known which, though not catalogued, are of at least equal interest and rarity.

CARLIST STAMPS.—Stamps issued in Spain in 1873-4 by the orders of the leaders of the Carlist Insurrection. In 1872 Don Carlos caused himself to be proclaimed King of Spain in the northern provinces of the kingdom, and he assumed the title of Carlos VII. In 1873 active preparations to capture the whole of the country were commenced. From a circular dated December 15th, 1873, which was issued by the Royal Council of Regency of the Government of Navarre, it appears that a postal service was established for the conveyance of letters to Bayonne by certain lines through the Biscayan-Navarre country. However, it has been authoritatively proved that Carlist stamps had made their appearance some time before any definitely organised post was formed. The stamps were first issued on July 1st, 1873, and they were suppressed in 1876, when the Carlists were finally routed.

CARMICHAEL, JOHN.—An engraver of Sydney, New South Wales, who engraved the original plate for the 2d "Sydney View" stamps, the plates for the 1d and 2d values of the "laureated" type, and the special "Registered" stamps. Carmichael was a deaf mute, and was described by the Postmaster-General of the period as "the most competent engraver in Sydney."

CARNES' CITY LETTER EXPRESS. — A local post of San Francisco established in 1854 by George A. Carnes. Two stamps were issued in connection with this post.

CARITAS.—The inscription shown on the Charity stamps issued in connection with the Brussels Exhibition of 1910.

CAROLINE ISLANDS. — An archipelago of 680 islands and islets in the Pacific Ocean between 1° and 10° north latitude and 131° and 163° east longitude. It is divided into two groups, the Eastern and the Western, and the total area is 500 square miles. Most of the islands are only small atolls, but there are about fifty of other formation and size which are inhabited. The chief of these are Bablethonap, Ponape, Yap, Ruk and Kusaie. The total population of the group is about 50,000. The islands were discovered by the Portuguese navigator, Diego da Rocha, in 1527, and they were given their present name in 1688 in honor of Charles II of Spain. In 1710 and 1713 the Jesuits from Manila made unsuccessful attempts to Christianise the inhabitants. In 1899, by an agreement with Spain, the Caroline Islands became a German possession, and they are known to our Teutonic friends as Karolinen. The first stamps for use in this Colony were issued in 1899.

CAROL I, REGE AL ROMANIEI.—An inscription shown on the 1903 stamps of Roumania in the small medallion containing the King's portrait. It means "Charles I, King of Roumania."

CARRIERS' STAMPS. — The name given to certain United States stamps which, during a period extending from 1842 to about 1861, were used to defray the postage from a post office to the addressee residing in the district served by that post office. At this period the ordinary postage only defrayed the carriage of mail matter from post office to post office. In many of the larger towns private posts of a semi-official character undertook to deliver letters from the post offices to addressees for a fee of 1c or 2c, and most of these posts issued stamps for the collection of these fees. In 1851 the Government itself undertook to deliver letters and issued special 1c stamps for the collection of the extra charge for this service. The use of these was discontinued about 1850, when it was probably considered that the ordinary 1c stamp might very well be used for this purpose.

CARTAGENA. — The chief town in the state of Antlantico (part of the Department of Bolivar), Colombia, which has a population of over 20,000. During the civil war of 1899-1900 a large number of provisional stamps were issued in this town.

CARTER, LADY.—The wife of the Governor of Barbados, who designed the "Olive Blossom" stamps issued in that colony in 1906.

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For the thirty-second time since the foundation of our Society we are gathered in annual convention. Twice before have we met in this vicinity, at Clayton, N. Y., in 1895, and again in 1903, while this time we shift ten miles toward the rising sun to Alexandria Bay. As we are almost on the border line between the United States and Canada, it is to be hoped that our Canadian members will embrace the opportunity to join with us in greater numbers than usual.

The past year in the affairs of the Society has been without unusual incident. The various departments have been conducted smoothly and efficiently by the officers in charge of them and you will listen to the reports of their stewardship in due course. Our membership has grown, but not in the proportion that we would like to see it. In addressing you last year I spoke of the remarkable effort made in 1907-8, when about 400 members were added to the roll in a successful effort to bring the membership up to 1500. Then I added, "Can I not set a goal of at least 2000 for our next objective?" Our new Secretary took this up with characteristic vigor but misinterpreted the remark—but as the misinterpretation was in the right direction and he has put his best effort into it we are glad he did it! He put forth the slogan "2000 in 1917" and has worked hard to accomplish this result in the short space of one year. As a matter of fact we have now reached a membership of approximately 1600 and it is not at all Dr. Davis' fault that it is not a full 2000! I still present the same remark to this Convention—"Can we not set a goal of 2000 at least for our next objective?"—but as before I am putting no time limit on it, though I am as anxious as any one to see our rolls rise to this amount.

In this Convention the question of the status of our foreign membership comes to mind and our International Secretary has written me on the subject, suggesting that our foreign members be carried on our rolls without payment of dues until the end of the present war, which has upset everything so in this world of ours. Mr. Kjellstedt further suggests that the file of the "American Philatelist" due such members be set aside for them and delivered to them after the close of the conflict, upon payment of such dues as they are then in arrears. The suggestions seem wholly proper and are presented for your consideration with the reservation that a special case may be thought necessary for those members who belong in enemy countries. Would it not be a good idea to adopt the same plan in regard to our members who are in our own military or naval service, or that of our Allies? A man in the trenches can be excused, I think, for forgetting to pay his dues and yet he might not like to be dropped like a "slacker" while fighting for his country.

The President has received a number of letters in criticism of the working of the Sales Dept. not personal in regard to the Supt., but asking for an accounting of sales oftener than is done under the present system, and comparing us unfavorably with other societies in this respect. If such change in the bookkeeping methods of the Dept. can readily be made it would apparently be a popular move and would undoubtedly increase the appreciation of this Dept., which should be one of the mainstays of a stamp club.

The Editor of the *American Philatelist* now divorced from his former Secretarial duties, has put fruitful effort into our official journal the past year, and I am sure that the results have been highly appreciated by the membership. Some excellent original articles have appeared and more are to follow. A year's file of the magazine now makes a most respectable, volume in size and a valuable one for reference. There is no reason why both size and value cannot be increased particularly if the membership will take more interest in contributing their "bits" toward this end. Mr. Ault, capable editor though he is, cannot be expected to do it all.

I present a letter attached to this report, submitted by our Asst. Librarian concerning an offer of our fellow member, Rev. L. G. Dorpat, in connection with the disposal of his philatelic library. This may be to our advantage, and I suggest that it be acted upon.

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well through the C's to date. Would it not be well to increase the amount published each month, considering the length of time it will probably take to complete it?

The Handbook Com., under Mr. Lindquist, has arranged a most excellent scheme for producing really valuable results in this line, and it is to be hoped that it can be fully carried out as outlined in their report.

Attention has been called to the slowness with which nominations for the annual ballot are made, which has resulted at times in awkward situations in regard to the withdrawal of names or the proper insertion of late nominations. It is suggested that the Secretary, by formal printed notice to the various Branch Societies from which the nominations usually come, call attention to this fact early in each calendar year so that the proper "slate" can be made up in due season for publication in the *American Philatelist.*

Philatelic matters during the year have not been lively. The output of "War Stamps" and "Red Cross" stamps still continues but other new stamps are relatively few. Three cent letter postage and more revenue stamps are impending in our own country as a result of our entrance into the war. Following the example of the Société Française de Timbrologie, the Springfield (Mass.) Branch has proposed that the A. P. S. likewise issue a Red Cross label, and thus "do its bit" in the humanitarian way. The proposition was submitted to the Directors who endorsed it unanimously. More details will doubtless be presented to the Convention by the Committee appointed to carry out the project, and it is hoped that the Convention will also record its approval.

In turning over my office to that Dean of American Philatelists and Dealers, John Walter Scott, who thus receives a fitting tribute from the Society for a half century's labors in behalf of philately, I wish to express the appreciation I have felt for the honor conferred upon me during the past two years in serving as your President, and to thank most heartily all those of the "Official Family" who have helped to make the affairs of the Society run smoothly during this time.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Charles E. Jenney, Colfax, Cal., would like to hear from any of our readers who have had trouble with letters mailed to the Trappist, Ky., post office.

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—Our office at Portland was favored last week with a call from W. F. Fratcher of Detroit. Mr. Fratcher had been on a trip through to Halifax and was returning home. Our readers will no doubt hear from Mr. Fratcher in the near future.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Mark L. Friedeberg and Jas. D. Havens.

—Dick Green of Salt Lake City, Utah, has entered the U. S. Marine Corps and his address is Co. E, Sec. 4, Marine Barracks, Mare Island, Vallejo, Cal.

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CHAPTER XXIX.

Roulettes, Issues 1875-83.

The 2c Documentary stamp and all the general proprietary stamps engraved by the National Bank Note Co., are found on watermarked paper, both perforated and rouletted, and a few of the private die proprietaries are also found rouletted on watermarked paper. With one exception—the G. G. Green medicine stamp—all the rouletted private die stamps are match stamps of the ordinary size, and all of these were stamps used in large quantities perforated. The roulettes are too scarce for a large quantity to have been issued and if the rouletting had extended over any considerable period of time it is quite obvious that many more of the private die stamps would have been rouletted. Therefore it is deduced that the rouletting was done all at one time and only during a quite limited period.

Referring to the match stamps which exist rouletted, we find the Alligator stamp was first issued in January, 1880, and the E. K. Smith stamp was last issued January 24, 1881, so it is apparent the rouletting was done sometime between these two dates, which is the period covered by the later printings of the American Co, and the earlier printings by the Bureau. It is certainly unlikely the Bank Note Co. would have any reason to change from perforating to rouletting, but at that time the Bureau was printing large quantities of tax paid stamps and delivering them rouletted and may have found it necessary or convenient to roulette some of the documentary and proprietary stamps for a short time rather than to perforate them.

The only rouletted stamps with imprints that have come to the writer's attention had the National imprint crossed out in the usual Bureau style, and this is considered to be satisfactory proof the roulettes were all made by the Bureau and were among the first of the Bureau printings. This being correct, the rouletted stamps must have been printed after October 16, 1880, and probably before February, 1881. Evidently the color of the 6c Proprietary was changed from blue to violet during this period, since both colors are found rouletted.

Genuine roulettes are so much scarcer than the perforated stamps that the inducement to fake them is strong, and copies "unofficially rouletted" are far from rare. The jack-knife roulettes, so called because they are often made with a pocket knife, are the commonest. The true roulettes gauge about 6, and as the gauge of the perforated stamps is always 12 it is a very simple matter to take a perforated stamp, cut off every other point between the perforations, and obtain a fake which gauges very close to the genuine. Most of these fakes are too crudely made to stand careful examination or comparison with genuine copies. They usually leave the stamp too small, and any roulette with smaller margins around the stamp design than perforated copies have is open to suspicion.

Theoretically the roulettes should measure as much from top to bottom and from side to side, exclusive of points, as the same stamps perforated measure including the points of the perforations. Size, however, is not an absolute certain test of genuineness. Probably the rouletting machines were not adjusted carefully enough at first for copies with the rouletting incorrectly spaced are found now and then. The writer has noted a rouletted 2c Liberty head spaced correctly from top to bottom but fully 2 mm. too wide, and another spaced correctly from side to side but 2 mm. too high. Of even greater interest is a pair of the 6c Proprietary with horizontal rouletting spaced correctly, but with the vertical rouletting so spaced that one stamp is 22 mm. wide and the other is 25 mm. wide!

On the perforated stamps the spacing between the rows of perforations is often very irregular, and occasionally a copy is both long enough and wide enough so a faked roulette with sufficient margins could be made from it, but usually the extra wide copies are not long enough and the extra long copies are not wide enough to permit this being done. Genuine copies of the 2c documentary and the 1c and 2c proprietary seldom measure less than 20½ x 25 mm., and the 3c, 4c, 5c and 6c proprietary usually measure at least 22 x 29 mm.

CHAPTER XXX.

Shades, Issues of 1875-83.

It is quite likely the many pronounced shades in this series represent the different printings but at the present time it does not seem possible to tell which is which of the perforated stamps on watermarked paper in more than a few instances. There are five sets; two printed by the National Bank Note Co., one by the American Bank Note Co., and two by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing. Each set includes the 2c Liberty Head Documentary, the 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 6c Proprietary, and possibly the 5c Proprietary. They appeared in the following order:—

(1)—Issued October-November, 1875, on silk paper, perforated. National print.

(2)—Issued January, 1878, on watermarked paper, perforated. National print.

(3)—Issued February, 1879, on watermarked paper, perforated. American print.

(4)—Issued October, 1880, on watermarked paper, rouletted. Bureau print.

(5)—Issued between October and December, 1880, on watermarked paper, perforated. Bureau print.

The dates given are the earliest on which any of the stamps of any of the sets could have been issued. As the stamps of the first set are all on silk paper and those of the fourth set are all rouletted they can readily be identified, but the second, third and fifth sets are all on watermarked paper and perforated and the shade is the only means of identification available, except on copies bearing imprints. Probably stamps on watermarked paper in the same shades as the same denominations on silk paper are National prints belonging to the second set, and those in the same shades as the same denominations rouletted are Bureau prints belonging to the fifth set. It may be possible to identify stamps of the third set by their gum when they have gum.

The 4c red brown is catalogued rouletted but is not so listed in the Boston Book and the present writer has not seen a satisfactory copy. Students of these stamps are inclined to believe the red 4c stamps were all printed by the Bureau. The 6c on silk paper is violet blue and this tint also comes watermarked. The so-called violet 6c, which is a reddish violet or purple, is a distinct color and was probably issued only by the Bureau. Presumably the 6c blue rouletted was the first 6c printed by the Bureau. It is darker in shade than the National print. Neither the so-called blue nor the violet stamps should be confused with the scarcest tint of all the perforated 6c, which is a bright bluish violet, suggesting ultramarine, neither so red as the purple stamps nor so blue as the violet blue 6c. It has not been seen rouletted and if cancellations found on it are correctly dated it was printed by the American Bank Note Co.

Of the 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 6c proprietary the quantities printed by the Bureau were 33% to 46% of the total numbers issued according to the Boston Book.

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Stalled—Here is a bit of scrambled information that we cull from a clipping touching upon philately that was published in a big newspaper. The following reference to the operation of the approval system is a bit involved to say the least but then, the writer rushed right in on his subject and caught it unawares: "Stamp collectors find themselves frequently the victims of misplaced confidence. There is a system of sending out sheets containing a large number of stamps with their prices on approval. The collector is supposed to select the ones he wants and return the others to the sender together with the money for the ones selected. But sometimes persons send their $5 bills to collectors as an evidence of good faith, get the sheet of stamps on approval and keep the whole thing." There is more in this strain but we forbear to repeat it; and our idea in quoting the fragment that we have is to inquire if any dealer has a good story to tell how he was hoodwinked by an applicant for approval selections who had put up a cash deposit.

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Landed—A daily paper gives about 150 words to the experience of a New York letter-carrier who was drafted and claimed exemption which was denied him. He appealed from the decision but before judgment was rendered he changed his mind and went out with the first contingent of New York's new national army at Camp Upton, Long Island. There he was refused admittance; and then came the finale: "The camp officers discovered Reichsbach knew all about mail and postmarks and stamps and everything like that. So he is going to stay right there, red tape or no red tape." This is as it should be; a letter-carrier is the chap to know about stamps and things but his knowledge is superficial compared to that of the philatelist. Indeed, in the finesse of the postal service, the average philatelist is far and away above the unimaginative paid postman. With the benefit of practical training he would make the ideal postal manager.

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Dull—Sometimes, we marvel at the dense ignorance of the post office clerk, here and there, about the stamps with which he comes into contact every day. He is on an uncharted sea when any phase out of the ordinary is brought to notice. Perforation sizes are a *terra incognita* to him and he blinks unresponsively when any stamps of other than the current issue are under consideration. Any unusual postal phase puzzles him mightily and he would be a babe in comparison with a collector in deciding upon the finer points of postal procedure. These remarks clear the way for our suggestion that every post office clerk should be conversant with the stamp issues of his country that are valid for postage today and examinations under civil service should include queries under this head.

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Gone—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who wrote "rare", "very rare" and "extremely rare" in the blank spaces of certain missing stamps in his album? Is this o. f. c. discussing the first performance of "Pinafore" in the U. S. with the old-fashioned dealer who called the country, "Cashimere"?

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Medal—Writes a man: "My idea of a real heroine is a wife who is the stamp collector in a household where she pursues the pursuit solitarily, notwithstanding the jibes of her husband and his male companions."

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Story—We notice the following bit of sentiment in Arthur Train's story which was begun recently in the *Saturday Evening Post* and is called, "The World and Thomas Kelly." The father of a brand new son is ruminating: "He dusted the marbles off on his trousers' leg and placed them carefully in his righthand pocket. 'They'll do for a starter,' he thought. Even then his vision flew to rocking horses, tin soldiers, stamp books, hoops, bicycles—all the things that he had never had himself." We are pleased to find that the stamp collection is considered to be among the standard attractions for the young people by the experienced writers of the day.

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We give herewith the standing of the contestants in our subscription contest ending Sept. 8 and there will be two more weeks in which the contest will run. October 1 we shall begin a new competition with the expectation that a larger number of dealers will co-operate. The revised figures are as follows:—

Edgewood Stamp Co., Milford, Ct.,	189
W. P. Colman, Washington, D. C.,	77
H. J. Scmidt, Pittsburgh, Pa.,	72
Royal Stamp Co., W. Phila., Pa.,	42
Burt McCann, Minneapolis, Minn.,	24
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*Gold Coast, ½d to 1sh, 7 var.	.80
*Falkland, ½d to 1sh, 6 var.	.75
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Written for MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 300)

CARTER'S PAID DESPATCH.—A local post of New York established in 1859 and in connection with which two stamps were issued, neither of which bore any indication of the fee charged for the delivery of letters.

CARTILLA POSTAL DE ESPANA.—The inscription appearing upon a private postage stamp issued in Spain in 1870 for the special use of Senor Diego Castell for franking a work entitled 'Cartilla postal de Espana"—literally "Postal primer for Spain." This was a small pamphlet of eighteen pages, containing instructions for addressing letters in the manner desired by the post office, and it was considered so useful that, in 1868, it was sent to 25,000 primary schools in Spain. In consideration of its general utility, its author was given the privilege of sending it free by post for a period of six months from January 1st to June 30th, 1870; Senor Castell prepared a special stamp, inscribed as stated with the name of the pamphlet, which franked all the copies of the work posted within the prescribed period.

CARTRIDGE PAPER.—Although this name was originally intended to designate the special paper used in making cartridges, it is nowadays used to describe a variety of drawing papers—generally those with a rough surface and of some degree of stoutness. Some of the lithographed 1d stamps issued in Trinidad in 1853 were printed on bluish cartridge paper.

CARUPANO.—The chief commercial district in the eastern portion of Venezuela, between the Araya and Paria peninsulas. It has a population of over 12,000 and during the revolution of 1902 it issued a number of provisional stamps, all being set up from ordinary printers' type.

CASH.—The value in which many of the stamps of Shanghai were expressed. Sixteen cash were equal to a candarin, which, as stated previously, was only worth about ½c in United States currency.

CASHMERE.—(See Kashmir.)

CASO.—One of the smaller islands in the Aegean Sea which was occupied by the Italians in 1913 and for which certain of the then current stamps of Italy were overprinted "Caso".

CASSE, E.—A French artist who designed the first stamps of Tunis.

CASTELL, SENOR DIEGO.—A Spanish author who wrote a pamphlet which was considered of such general utility that he was accorded the privilege of sending it free by post for a period of six months in 1870. He designed a special stamp for the purpose of franking his pamphlet during this period. (See also "Cartilla postal de Espana.")

CASTAIGN, VICTOR.—The Belgian Controller of Posts at Meshed, Persia, who designed a series of stamps which were used in that town in March and April, 1902. His initials, "V. C.," are shown in the center of the stamps.

CATALONIA.—An old principality and province in the extreme northeast of Spain. The district has, since 1833, consisted of the provinces of Gerona, Barcelona, Levida and Tarragona.—the capital, Barcelona, being the second town in Spain. The total area of the district is 12,483 square miles, and it has a population of about two millions. Catalonia was the Hispania Tarraconensis of the Roman conquerors. In the fifth century it was overrun by the Goths and Alani, and in the eighth century it was under Musselman rule. In 1137 it was joined to Araga, and in 1479 the two were united to Castile. The Catalans, however, did not readily submit to their loss of independence, and they repeatedly revolted. After its conquest by Philip V in 1874 Catalonia lost its separate Constitution. The Catalan dialect, more akin to the Provencal of France than the Castilian of Spain, is still spoken and written. During the Carlist insurrection of 1873-6 the Catalans threw in their lot with Don Carlos, and with the advance of his troops into this territory a special stamp was issued (April 15th, 1874) by the orders of the Commissary-General.

CATALUNA.—The Spanish form of "Catalonia" as shown upon the special Carlist stamps referred to in the preceding paragraph.

CATALDI, PABLO.—The designer of the famous "ship" stamps of Buenos Aires, which first appeared in April, 1858.

CATALOGUE.—To philatelists a catalogue is a volume in which all or any portion of the world's postage stamps are listed, properly classified, priced and (as a rule) illustrated.

CATHARINE WHEEL.—An overprint found upon many of the stamps of Salvador issued in 1899 and 1900. The object of the overprint is stated to have been "to distinguish the stamps actually used from the unissued remainders in the hands of the contractors."

CAUCA.—A Department of Colombia having an area of 257,460 square miles and a population of about 700,000. Provisional stamps were issued here in 1879-83 and again in 1903.

CAVALLA.—A seaport in Turkey-in-Europe on the Aegean Sea, more correctly known as Kavala. It has a population of more than 17,000 and is famous as having been the birthplace of Mehemet Ali. For many years the French have maintained a Consular office at this port, at which postal business is transacted. In 1893 the contemporary stamps of France were overprinted "Cavalle" for use in this office and since 1902 it has been supplied with stamps from the key plates of the "Blanc", "Mouchon", and "Olivier Merson" types.

CAVALLE.—The French version of Cavalla as shown upon all the stamps issued for use at that Consular office.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—A group of three small islands (Grand Cayman, Little Cayman and Cayman Brac) in the Caribbean Sea under the government of Jamaica, from which they are about 200 miles distant. They have a total area of 225 square miles and a population of about 6,000. The islands were discovered by Columbus in 1494 and named "Las Tortugas" by him on account of the numbers of turtles found there. Turtle fishing is still the staple industry of the islanders. Prior to 1900 this small group managed without its own postage stamps, but in that year special ½d and 1d values were issued, and these were followed by a more extensive set in the year 1901.

C. C. (with Crown).—(See Crown C. C.)

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C. CH.—An overprint found upon certain French stamps of the "Commerce" type which were used in Cochin, China, in 1886.

C. D.—An overprint found on various South Australian stamps used during the period 1868-74 upon the official correspondence of the "Convict Department." They were superseded in 1874 by the general official series with "O S" overprint.

C. BEN. B.—A control overprint found upon the 1899-1901 stamps of Ecuador used in the province of Guayas in 1902. In July of that year a fire destroyed the greater part of the town of Guayaquil, and a large quantity of stamps in the Government stores were burnt or stolen. As the authorities were uncertain as to what had become of them, instructions were given to the governors of the various provinces to mark their stocks in hand with some distinctive device or other and to refuse to recognise unsurcharged stamps as valid for postage. A handstamp showing the letters "C. Ben. B" (an abbreviated form of his signature, "Carlos Benjamin Rosales") was the device chosen for use by the governor of the province of Guayas.

C. E. F.—I. An overprint meaning "China Expeditionary Force" shown upon many of the stamps of India in use since 1900. These stamps were originally issued for the use of the British forces employed in China in 1900 during the Boxer troubles. Some of the post offices then established are still in operation at a few Chinese towns and the use of the overprinted stamps has therefore continued to the present day.

II. An overprint meaning "Cameroons Expeditionary Force" which was appled to the German Colonial stamps by the British force occupying this territory in 1915.

CEMENT.—(See gum.)

CENT.—The hundredth part of a dollar and the value in which the stamps of many countries are expressed. In British Guiana, British Honduras, Canada, and Newfoundland the cent has the same value as in the United States. In Borneo, Labuan, Sarawak, the Straits Settlements, and the Federated Malay States the cent also has a fixed value, this being equal to a little more than ½c U. S. In

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Envelopes, type similar to 1903-13, but new die, 5c light orange, 10c light blue, 20c slate-olive, the 3 .30

Canada, coil, 1c green No. 104b*, Strip of four ..... .10
Paste-up strip of four ..... .25
Guatemala 1917 Commem., 25c blue and brown * ..... .06
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CENTAVO.—The value in which the stamps of most of the South and Central American countries are expressed. Its value varies considerably from the equivalent of 1c in American currency to as low as the hundredth part of a cent, but its average value may be taken as ½c.

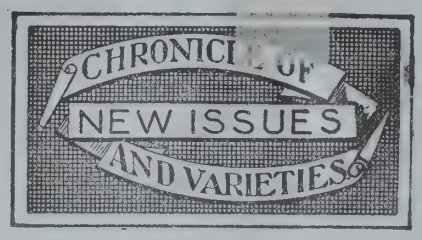
CENT DE ESCUDO.—The denomination in which some of the stamps of Spain and the Spanish Colonies were expressed. A cent de escudo was worth about a half cent in U. S. currency.

CENT DE PESETA.—Many of the stamps of Spain and her Colonies were expressed in this value, which was worth about the fifth of a cent in American money.

(To be continued.)

JOHN WEED, CENTERVILLE, MICH.

In response to the notice published last week we have had four complaints entered against Mr. Weed. In the meantime we have heard from Mr. Bryant Weed, the father of John Weed, saying that the latter has gone to the front and he will settle any claims that need adjusting. We advise all who have complaints to write Mr. Bryant Weed and inform us as to the results.



Information regarding varieties and new issues gratefully received. Address PERCY McG. MANN, 720 Liberty Bldg., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents. Numbers in parentheses indicate the previous issue of the WEEKLY in which information germane to the subject was published.

UNITED STATES.—Some current 1c stamps which we recently handled were so finely printed with a glossy ink that we thought they must have been produced by the rotary process on dry paper. We mean the stamps in sheets, of course. This led us to write to Mr. J. E. Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and putting the question to him, we have now received his reply, in which he states: "I beg to state that this Bureau is not printing the ordinary sheet stamps on rotary presses."

(1388)—Mr. William Hansler submits for our inspection copies of the 2c circular die B envelopes, one of which has the final "S" in "STATES" minus the upper half of the letter and the other with the same letter minus the lower half. These are interesting varieties and have not, we believe, been recorded before.

(1388)—Mr. George W. Bye submits to us what appears to be another new die of the circular type 2c envelope. Dies A, B, C, D, E, F and G have been recorded and these are illustrated in the August edition of *The Philatelic Gazette*. The copy submitted by Mr. Bye is vastly similar to the ordinary die A, but seems to be a re-cutting of this die or a deterioration of it; the lettering appears thinner, the head smaller and the numerals slightly different. We have submitted the copy to Mr. Bartels and will await his decision in the matter.

(1391)—Mr. Buell W. Hudson shows us one of the Y. M. C. A. "With the Colors" envelopes, which are being used by the soldiers in military camps. Y. M. C. A. branches have been established at these camps, where facilities are placed at the disposal of the soldier boys for writing home. The envelope shown us has the United States flag in the upper left corner of the obverse and "From" with four dotted lines at the top center of the reverse also at the bottom of this side "National War Work Council Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association 'With the Colors'" in five lines. Branch post offices have been established at these Y. M. C. A. branches to facilitate the handling of the soldiers' mail, and the cover before us bears machine and handstamp cancellations, "Burlington, Vt. Military Branch."

We will not list all the branches in this Chronicle, as these items should be listed in independent articles, but in this instance we necessarily made mention of the first one to come under our notice.

The 30c, perf. 10, on unwatermarked paper, has appeared, and unused blocks have been shown to us by Mr. Wm. S. F. Pierce. Without question, this will be one of the scarcest recent U. S. stamps, and it is an illustration of the almost worn out saying: "The unexpected always happens."

As we go to press we have word from Mr. J. M. Bartels that the new 1c envelope has appeared. It is similar in design to the current 2c but contains the profile of Franklin to left.

Mr. Bartels, to whom we extend our thanks, also furnishes the following list of new envelopes:

Issue 1916.

Denom.	Die.	Size.	Paper.	Wmk.	Knife
5c	B	5	Amber	20	87
Issue 1916-17. Circular Dies.					
1c		8	White	19	97
2c	A	3	Blue	19	92
2c	B	5	Amber	19	99
2c	G	5	White	20	81

ALBANIA.—(1386-1388)—There seems to be some doubt as to the authenticity of so-called Republican issues for this country, and we will have something further to say about the matter in next week's Chronicle.

BARBADOS.—*The Postage Stamp* has word from a correspondent in this Colony, that a war stamp is expected to be issued.

CANAL ZONE.—(1389)—Mr. Frank E. Greene, in *The Stamp Trade*, states that the new Officially Sealed labels will not be made on the Isthmus, but that an order for 100,000 has been sent to the United States, to be blue in color and of the design mentioned in our Chronicle of August 11th. We believe they are to be made at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, at Washington. The seals will be gummed and perforated.

(1364)—It is a strange thing that it has not been noted before this, and we take the credit, therefore, to ourselves, that the three new stamps issued last January, 12c, 15c and 24c, have the overprint "CANAL ZONE" in three different shades of blue; violet-blue, light blue and dark blue on the three values in their respective order. Whether this is intentional or just a happen-so we do not know, and we would like to hear from some of our Canal Zone specialists whether these three colors of overprints come interchanged from the order given?

CUBA.—We are in receipt of word from Colonel C. D. de Battemberg to the effect that the Cuban stamps of the "Map" type will be demonetized on September 1. The decree of the Postmaster General is substantially as follows:

1. After the First of September only the stamps of the new issue, 1917, will be admitted for payment of postage.

2. The stamps of 1914—Map—will not have value for postage after this date.

3. The postmasters will exchange all their stocks of the 1914 stamps for the new 1917 stamps before the First of September.

4. The public have to (may ?) exchange the 1914 stamps within thirty days after the date of this instrument in the General Post Office at Havana.

The decree as partially translated above was given under date of August 20, 1917, and over the signature of Charles Hernandez, Director General of Posts.

Mr. J. M. Bartels also sends us this information.

EAST AFRICA & UGANDA.—The *Philatelic Gazette* chronicles on the authority of the U. P. U. distribution, a 31c envelope for registering purposes. As we do not know the color, we cannot formally chronicle it.

Ewen's Weekly formally lists new shades of the current 3c and 1r, the latter formerly being in gray-black is now in intense-black, on green.

Adhesives.

3c yellow-green.
1r intense-black on green.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—(British-Nyasaland Occupation.)—The U. P. U. distribution of June 9th included, according to *The Philatelic Gazette*, Nyassaland (sic) stamps of the values of ½d, 1d, 3d, 4d and 1sh overprinted "N. F." for the use of the military forces of Nyassaland (sic) in the occupied territory of German East Africa.

Occupation Stamps.

½d green.
1d scarlet.
3d violet on yellow.
4d scarlet and black on yellow.
1sh black on green.

GREAT BRITAIN.—*Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular* states that the thin ½d card now has the stamp modified to show the King's profile as on the adhesive stamps.

Postal Card.

½d green on buff.

(Offices in Morocco)—(1389)—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new shade for the 20c on 2d George head, of a deep orange shade in contrast to the brown-orange and red-orange printings previously recorded.

Adhesive.

20c on 2d deep orange.

HAYTI.—(1385)—Another provisional has appeared in this country. It is Scott's No. 132, 10c de p, overprinted with a handstamp "1 ct. GOURDE" in two lines within a rectangular frame, like the 2c provisional chronicled in the July 14th edition. We are in receipt of two varieties, thanks to Mr. Robert A. Wilson, who explains that 30,000 copies were overprinted a wishy-washy grayish-blue color and 200,000 were overprinted a deeper blue, which they distinguish as a difference in Hayti.

Provisional Adhesives.

1c de g on 10c de p dark orange, deep blue overprint.
1c de g on 10c de p dark orange, gray-blue overprint.

Of the large "1" in frame, in blue, on 20c orange (No. 106), as given in our list in the Chronicle of July 21st, at least 200 or 300 were issued, we are informed by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson also informs us that he has copies of Scott's Nos. 53, 65 and 129 with "GL O. Z. 7 FEV. 1914" in frame overprint. These, Mr. Wilson states, are not catalogued and have probably never been chronicled.

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Advertising Chat

—Last week's paper was a dandy!

—Our next book will be Poole's "D. W. I." The book Ward has written on "Gt. Britain" will follow and then West's "Revenue Stamps of the U. S." These three books will be valuable additions to our list.

—Ray J. Nentwig who was with us last season takes a 3 in 1 contract. Wm. Lloyd of New Orleans, a summer time advertiser, also joins us with a 3 in 1 contract. Still another is H. L. Smith of Canandaigua, N. Y. We have room for a few more.

—Our bills for advg. must be paid on presentation. You pay your office rent each month—or something happens. You pay for your telephone—or "disconnected." You pay for your light—or the juice fails you. It is just as important to us that the advertising bill be paid as any of these other bills, moreover it is easier to pay one month than two.

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—Somebody down in Dixie thinks we were hard on Hiordan. Yes, it is too bad to injure one's good name but we have no regrets at the campaign we waged. No more Hiordan advertising for us.

—W. E. Dowser, El Paso, Tex., would like the address of R. H. Whitt who is "somewhere in California." Who knows Mr. Whitt?

—We have only ten of our Aeroplane Leaflets left. If you want one get it now or you lose a good chronicle.

—Going from Port Kent, N. Y., down to Montcalm Landing I met a man who was looking for Loon Lake. He had left New York four days earlier ticketed to Albany and naturally he queried the conductor about his destination:—"My friend this car is bound for Loon Lake. Stay right here and you will be all right." He stayed until he reached Loon Lake way up in the northern part of the state near Saranac and I run against him as he was speeding back to Albany for the small sheet of water bearing the same name. Three days lost and $18 thrown to the winds in a round about trip to Loon Lake.

—The direct way to the collector is through the columns of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY. No house organ can take its place and the reason is simple. The three owners of this paper are on a continual hustle for an increased mailing list—the house organ reaches the same audience each month! We make collectors—the house organ should cater to them! We are not saying anything against the house organ, either.

—Whenever you write a letter enclose one of our leaflets "The Charm of Stamp Collecting." It will give our hobby a favorable introduction to the most cynical person. A pretty stamp may be attached to page 1 and your name added if desired to the presentation tablet. Fifty for 25c. What are you doing for our hobby?

—We need two or three copies of the WEEKLY dated Feb. 7, 1914, and one dated Feb. 28, 1914. Mail in the original folds to Beverly, Mass., and we will send a fine equivalent in foreign exchanges.

—Mr. Sledd again uses large space this week with an adv. that is bound to attract attention. We make special prices on large advs. A half page costs $30, a quarter page $17.50 and an eighth page $10. Six inches for $10 is a bargain in stamp advertising.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

ADLETS.

This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell, or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world.

RATE.—25c per line, cash in advance. No display allowed. Six words (32 letters) to the line, including address. We offer 50 lines for $10.00, where cash is paid in advance. This space can be used at such times and in such quantities as may be desired.

We shall use every possible endeavor to protect our subscribers, but we cannot undertake to be responsible for unsatisfactory trade relations. Advertisers against whom complaints are proven will be debarred the further use of these columns.

Advertisers sending out approval selections must take precautions to secure satisfactory references. We cannot undertake to settle all the petty disputes arising from the wide-spread scattering of approval selections.

Wolsieffer's Approval Cards 20 cts. per doz. Phila. Stamp Co., 21 So. 17th St., Phila., Pa. [tf*

U. S. $1, 1917, Fine strip 3, Only 50c. CROWELL STAMP CO., Cleveland, O. [tf*

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500 all different foreign stamps, $1.00
C. E. Nickles, 122 Fla. Av., Washington, D.C. [tf*

Free! Four nice commemoratives, to approval applicants who give reference. W. E. GARDINER, 9 Pemberton St., Prov., R. I. [tf*

Try our 1, 2 and 3 cent approval books. Free Premium to everyone sending good Reference. INDIANA STAMP CO., 420 Saks Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind. [tf*

Wholesale only, lowest prices, lists free to the trade only. WM. v. d. WETTERN, JR., 2329 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md. [tf*

Membership in the American Philatelic Society means real benefits, Sales Dept. with $50,000 net worth of stamps. Free journal. Particulars and application blank free. DR. H.A.DAVIS, Sec. P.O.Box 613, Denver, Colo. [tf*

U. S. $1.00 1908-15-17, nice, each, .13
Silas Weatherby, Box 102, Medina, O.[tf*

Free—Jamaica War stamp to all app. applicants. Three censored covers 25c. Beaver Stamp Co., Box 13, Winnipeg, Man., Can. [tf*

Canada War Tax Perf. 12x8, for 27c.
I. Robinson, 52 Quincy Pl. N. W., Wash.,D.C. [tf*

Over 8000 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

Small collection unused blocks of four for sale. H. R. STILES, Box 807, Schenectady, N. Y. *

"Getwise." Try my ½, 1 and 2 cent net Foreign Approvals. Precancels, 100 var. 15 cts.; 150 var. 25 cts.; 200 var. 50 cts.; 300 var. $1.50. Chicago Precancels 60 varieties, 40 cents. J. D. HUBEL, 1305 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich. [tf*

Do it now—See Marks Stamp Co. ads on inside cover page. Will pay to read. [tf*

I pay postage both ways on selections of my net app. J. W. Durgin, Portsmouth, N. H.[tf*

Job lots wanted. Sell wholesale only. Ask for lists. Beebe Co., Yonkers, N. Y. [tf*

Free Premiums to subscribers. Write for sample copy and premium list at once. Collectors' Advertiser, 65 Walden St., Boston,Mass. [tf*

Your Name and Address on a Two or Three Line Rubber Stamp and one "Acme" Stamp Pad, Postpaid 15c. B. C. STAMP CO., Deroche, B. C., Can. [tf*

I want to buy a good stamp collection. H. A. WHIPPLE, Omaha, Nebr. [eow1*

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500 all different U. S. cat. about $30 for $3. J. B. Newton, 721 Main St., Hartford, Ct. [95

Wholesale lots by the Lushel in our Oct. Sale. Risk a postal. R. J. Auction Service, Herrin, Ill. [tf*

Confidential Wholesale list for dealers Only. Harbor Stamp Co., Wilmington, Cal. [09*

When in St. Louis, visit the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society, which meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock 801 Chemical Bldg. Visitors always welcome. [3wkM*

Colombian Republic.
1899 Antioquia 1899.
Complete unused set, ½c to 2 pesos.
Catalogue 88c. 30c Postpaid.
A few blocks of four at $1.20.
C. D. Buchanan, 100 Tregent St., Pontiac, Mich.

Vous avez a Red Goose? Es ist nicht so already since yet? If not send 12c to sec'y "A. P. S. E." 20 Gaston St., Boston, Mass., and he will send you a Red Goose Poster Stamp Album, free membership in the "A. P. S. E." and 15 all different Poster Stamps. Mention M. W. S. N. *

5c Errors wanted for cash. Quote best price or send on approval. No. 140 U. S. cat. $85.00 for exchange. H. R. STILES, Box 807, Schenectady, N. Y. *

Paraguay 1913, Nos. 205-215, unused, 25c. G. A. Burgers, 6334 S. Washtenaw Av.,Chicago.*

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The next regular meeting of the Society will be called to order at 7.45 p. m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18. The entertainment committee will provide something interesting, as they always do. Start the fall season right by attending this meeting. The application of Ransom W. Stiles for junior membership will be voted upon. There should be a large number of applicants from the boys as the fee, 50 cents a year, is a very small one when one considers the advantages of such membership. A copy of the

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Big Adanac Bargains.
See Marks Stamp Co., adv. page two.*

Camera, $25.00 Premo, 4x5 and leather case. Will exchange for stamps. Also 40 subject plates for microscope, classified. H. R. STILES, Box 807, Schenectady, N. Y. *

Francisco Packet Hawaii, Panama, Nyassa, Borneo, etc., 50 for 15c. Occidental Stamp Co., 642 Market St., San Francisco. [tf*

At very next sale a 5c red (error) will be sold. List free. H. WENDT, Manilla, Ia.[tf*

Allow 32 letters to the line. 50 lines $10 cash, to use at will. Minimum two lines.

For Sale, 100 var. Permits, .10
100 var. Prec. Stamps, all 1c, .20
100 var. Prec. Stamps, 1c to $1.00, .50
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Stamp cataloged at 50c given to approval applicants. Send reference.
HOWARD E. JACKSON, Edgewater,N.J.[tf*

Why not try my approvals and have your choice of nine premiums. HENRY COLE, M-2, Box 380, Indianapolis, Ind. [96

Fine foreign stamps, ½c each and up, on approval. Prices net and worthwhile to you. J. HENRY ORR, 717 West Main St., Muncie, Ind. [94*

United States Revenue Stamps.
I have a large stock of all issues at inviting prices—no rarities, however!
A few sample prices:—
2c Proprietary, blue, Cat. 10c, .04
2c Proprietary, ultramarine, Cat. $5, 2.00
5c Playing Cards, red, Cat. .75, .30
$5.00 Probate of Will, Cat. .85, .40
10c Proprietary, violet p., Cat. $7.50, 3.00
5c Proprietary, Battleship, Cat. .15, .08
Send me your want list as I can supply most all of them that cat. from 1c to $2.00.
W. WEBER, 476 Hudson Av.,Rochester,N.Y.*

25c P. P. Dues fine, 17c; pairs, .50
50c 1902, cat. 18c, net, .05
If it is U. S. you need, write me. Ref.[97*
A. H. Schumacher, 1306 La. St.,Houston,Tex.

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Postage only in finest condition.
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To every collector sending 10c for our Special Packet, we will send nice premium Free. Approvals 50%. Ref. State age. Union Stamp Exchange, Seymour, Ind.

I am not going to tell
you all I know, though it might not
take long, but if you will send a nice
reference and ask for our approval
selections I think you will be well
satisfied. Write for lists, anyway.
Geo. T. Simpson, 433 Pearl St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Block of four $1.00 Parcel Post, $1.40
Block of four $1.00, No. 386, 1.00
J. R. NICHOLS, 1707 Nelson Ave., N. Y. C.*

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300 diff. stamps in good condition, special at 27c. Lutheran Club, Box 176, Terre Haute,Ind. *

New Hayti—1917 issue, 1c on 10c and 2c on 15c, Pair singles, .05; pairs. .08; blocks, .15; all mint. Postage extra. Send me your want-lists of 20th Century Dom. Repub., Dutch Indies, Hayti, Honduras and Nicaragua. State used or unused. A. W. DUNNING, C. C. Sta., Brookline, Mass. *

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5c Red Errors — Just traded two hogs for ten sheets of doubles. Send me $8.25 for block 30 stamps showing two errors and plate number. Full sheet $9.50. They'll be higher soon.
EDWARD F. CARTER,
Keokuk, Iowa.

UNUSUAL MAIL AUCTION

CANADA and NEWFOUNDLAND

Bids Close October 3

This list includes some scarce items, many fine pairs and blocks, used and unused, numerous sets, and most single stamps of Canada and early Newfoundlands. The lots are arranged so that the collector may buy just what he needs, and at his own price. Descriptions are guaranteed accurate; and bids are invited on that understanding. Remember the date.—October 3,—mail bids early, and make a fair offer for what you really want.

CANADA

Lot No.		Catalogue
	1851-1864.	
A.	Nos. 1-4-14-15-16-18-19, all defective, good space fillers	$8.65
1.	1c (14), unused, good	1.25
2.	5c (15), unused, good	1.00
3.	2c (18) used, small tear	1.50
4.	12½c (19), unused, good	5.00
5.	12½c (19a), unused, poor	5.00
	1868.	
B.	Nos. 21, 23, 24, 25, 25a, as in lot A above, used	$2.50
6.	2c (23), unused, good	2.00
7.	Same, olive, o. g.	2.00
8.	Same (23a), unused, poor	2.00
9.	3c (24), unused, good	2.00
10.	6c (25a), unused, good	6.00
11.	6c (25 or 25a) used, good	.75
12.	12½c (26), unused, good	3.00
13.	Same (26a), unused, fair	3.75
14.	Same, used, fine	.65
15.	15c (27), o. g., fine	1.00
16.	Same, o. g., but off center	1.00
17.	Same (27a), used, fine	.75
C.	Nos. 25, 25a, 26a, 27, 31, as A	3.65
	1869-1877.	
18.	1, 2, 3c (32-34) o. g., fine	$ .95
19.	1c (32a), unused, but off	3.00
20.	3c (34a) o. g., fine	1.25
21.	6c (35), unused, fine	1.50
22.	10c (36a), unused, minute tear in margin, but fine	3.00
23.	5c (37), unused, fine	3.50
24.	1-6c (32-35, 38), used, good	.19
	1882-1890.	
25.	½, 3, 5c (40-2-3), o. g., fine	$ .53
26.	½c (40), blk. 4, o. g., fine	.32
27.	Same Imp. (40b), used, fine	?
28.	2c (41), unused, fine	1.25
29.	3c (42a), unused, fine	1.00
30.	Same Imp. (42b), unused, fine	7.00
31.	Same Imp. blk. 4, o. g.	28.00
32.	5c (43), blk. 4, o. g., bit off	1.20
33.	6c (44), o. g., fine	1.00
34.	Same, no gum	1.00
35.	Same, blk. 4, o. g.	4.00
36.	Same, hor. pair, o. g.	2.00
37.	10c (45), unused, fine	3.00
38.	½-10c (40-45), used, good	.73
39.	10c (45), blk. 4, o. g.	12.00
	1892-1893.	
40.	20c (46), o. g., fine	$ .50
41.	50c (47), o. g., fine	1.00
42.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., fine	4.00
43.	20-50c, used, fine	.35
44.	Same, hor. pairs	.70
45.	8c (48a), unused, fine	3.00
46.	Same, Imp. (48b), fine	8.50
47.	Same (49), unused, fine	1.50
48.	Same (49a), unused, fine	2.00
49.	Same, hor. strip of five, o. g.	10.00
50.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., bit off	8.00
51.	8c, four fine shades, used	?
	1897, Jubilee.	
52.	½c (50), o. g., fine	$ .40
53.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., fine	1.60
54.	Same, used, fine	.40
55.	Same, blk. 4, used, fine	1.60
56.	1-5c (51-54), o. g., fine	.57
57.	1, 2, 3c, blks. 4, o. g., fine	1.28
58.	5c (54), blk. 4, used, good	.72
59.	6c (55), o. g., fine	1.00
60.	Same, off center	1.00
61.	Same, blk. 4, o. g.	4.00
62.	Same, used, fine	1.00
63.	8c (56), o. g., fine	.50
64.	Same, vert. pair, used	.60
65.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., fine	2.00
66.	Same, blk. 4, used, fine	1.20
67.	10c (57), o. g., fine	.65
68.	Same, vert. pair, used	.70
69.	8. 10c, used, fine	.65
70.	15c (58), o. g., fine	.55
71.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., bit off	2.20
72.	Same, used, fine	.50
73.	Same, vert. pair, used	1.00
74.	20c (59), o. g., fine	.75
75.	Same, used fine	.60
76.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., bit off	3.00
77.	50c (60), o. g., fine	1.25
78.	Same, used, fine	.30
	1897, Maple.	
79.	½-10c (66-73) o. g., fine	$1.70
80.	Same, used, fine	.75
81.	½-5c o. g., blks. 4, fine	2.00
82.	6c (71), o. g., fine	.35
83.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., fine	1.40
84.	Same, blk. 4, used, fine	.80
85.	Same, hor. pair, used	.40
86.	8c (72), o. g., fine	.35
87.	Same, blk. 4, o. g.	1.40
88.	10c (73) o. g., fine	.50
89.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., fine	2.00
90.	Same, blk. 4, used, fine	1.40
91.	Same, hor. pair, used	.70
	1898, Numerals.	
92.	½-10c (74-81), o. g., fine	$1.59
93.	Same, used, fine	.85
94.	½-5c, blks. 4, o. g., fine	1.56
95.	6c (79), o. g., fine	.50
96.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., fine	2.00
97.	Same, hor. pair, used	.70
98.	8c (80), o. g., fine	.35
99.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., fine	1.40
100.	Same, hor. pair, used	.60
101.	10c (81) blk. 4, o. g., fine	1.40
102.	Same, hor. pair, used	.24
	1898-1899.	
103.	2c (82-6), o. g., fine	$ .38
104.	Same, blks. 4, o. g., fine	1.52
105.	Same, used singles	.17
	1901-1903.	
106.	20c (87), o. g., fine	$1.00
107.	Same, used, fine	.30
108.	7c (88), o. g., fine	.25
109.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., fine	1.00
110.	1-50c (89-95), used, set	.44
111.	2c (90a), blk. 4, o. g., fine	.32
112.	Same, hor. strip 3, used	.24
113.	50c (95) vert. pair, used	.50
	1908.	
114.	½-20c (96-103), o. g., fine	$1.76
115.	Same, used, set	1.30
116.	10c (101), o. g., fine	.30
117.	15c (102), o. g., fine	.40
118.	20c (103), o. g., fine	.50
119.	Same, used, fine	.40
120.	½-2c (96-98) blks. 4, o. g.	.72
121.	5-7c (99-100) blks. 4, o. g.	1.52
122.	10c, blk. 4, o. g., fine	1.20
123.	15c, blk. 4, o. g., fine	1.60
124.	20c, blk. 4, o. g., fine	2.00
125.	5-20c, vert. pairs, used	2.40
	1912.	
126.	1-50c (104-110) o. g., fine	$1.43
127.	Same, used, set	.29
128.	1-10c, blks. 4, o. g., fine	1.72
	Registration, Etc.	
129.	2-5c (151-3), unused, fine	$ .50
130.	2c (151a), unused, fine	.40
131.	3c (153a), unused, fine	1.00
132.	Same Imp. (153b), used	8.50
133.	2-5c (151-3), used	.25
134.	Spec. Delivery, unused	.20
135.	Same, and Post. Due, used	.16
136.	Lot of 30, unused singles, face 68c	2.49
137.	Lot of 15 blks. 4, o. g., face 88c	3.44

NEWFOUNDLAND

Lot No.		Catalogue
138.	1p (1), unused, fine	$2.50
139.	3p (3), o. g., fine	2.50
140.	Same, triangular block of four, o. g., superb	10.00
141.	4p (12), close, but fine, used	25.00
142.	4p (18), o. g., fine	1.00
143.	Same, o. g., blk. 4	4.00
144.	Same, mint sheet	20.00
145.	5p (19), o. g., fine	2.50
146.	6p (20), o. g., fine	.60
147.	Same, blk. 4, o. g.	2.40
148.	Same, mint sheet	12.00
149.	6½p (21), o. g., fine	3.00
150.	Same, cancelled order	?
151.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., superb	12.00
152.	8p (22), o. g., fine	4.00
153.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., superb	16.00
154.	1s (23), o. g., fine	1.50
155.	Same, blk. 4, o. g., superb	6.00
156.	Same, mint sheet	30.00
157.	Lake set (18, 20-23) o. g.	10.10
158.	12c (27), o. g., good	1.00
159.	3c (37), used, good	1.00
160.	5c (38), used, good	.60
161.	Mixed lot, some defective, many scarce, cat. about	10.00

NOTE: (1) Bids under 20% will not be accepted, except for the lots **A, B, C and 161.** I am anxious to give the buyer all possible consideration; but the seller also has a right to reasonable protection. These are really choice items, and in the present market bring good prices. They are broken up into these small lots and offered in this way for the collector's benefit. If you like the arrangement, will you not show your approval by your bids.

(2) I will give a present in stamps cataloging not less than 10% of their takings to the two bidders who secure the largest total lots.

Andrew Sledd, Jr. S. P. A. 1649 A. S. D. A. **Decatur, Georgia**

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amendments made necessary to include the juniors will be sent out with the October notice.

Don't forget that Mr. Sawyer has offered a medal for the best collection of "War Stamps" to be competed for at the October meeting. This does not include "Red Cross" stamps.

At the November meeting there will be a competition for medals offered by Mr. Oscar Hill. The medals will be given for the best collection of stamps of a Scandinavian country. This competition should bring out a large number of entries.

FREDERIC W. STILES, Sec.

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MINT COLONIALS—Postage Extra.

East Africa and Uganda 1903, ¼, 1a pair	.20
2a	.25
4a	.40
Fiji 1903, ½, 1, 2d, set	.30
1903, 2½d	.15
1903, 3, 4, 5d, set	.45
1903, 6d	.20
1903, 1sh	.75
1904-06, ½d, 1d carmine, pair	.10

H. W. DOSCHER & CO.,
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Block of nine stamps with one 5c rose error in center:

Finely centered	$5.00
Little off center	4.50
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Cash with order. Postage extra.

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With "La France" packet containing only selected **French Stamps** representative of all issues, including **Liberty Heads** and **Napoleon** to 30c; Peace and Commerce with scarcer **3c, 4c, 40c, 50c, 1 franc;** Mouchon and Merson types **45c, 1 franc;** Sower types **20c, 30c, 35c;** fine **Red Cross** issue; **1917, 25c new pale French Army Blue;** new Postage Due, and **Fine War Provisionals** on granite (G. C.) paper, already obsolete, and quoted same price as whole packet.

The lot ONLY 2 DIMES (in stamps) post free. Register 4c extra.

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Canada, Sheet ½c Tercent. (100), $1.00

A fine stock of B. N. A. and Brit. Col. Approval. Reference.

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10 yen No. 114, cat. .30 ..... .13
Italy, 5 lire No. 86, cat. .25 ..... .08
New Hebrides, 2½p No. 10 mint, cat. .35 .15
Argentine, 5c blue, No. 141, mint cat. .25 .17

H. Trenka, 803 Park Av., West New York, N.J.

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H. A. DIAMANT, 208 N. Main St., St. Louis, Mo. Member A.P.S. 2036. [tf

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U. S. Revenues

Why not send $1.50 for good block of (4) 25c Entry of Goods 1st issue.

F. P. GIBBS, OLEAN, N. Y.

(Continued from page 306.)

1914 Provisionals.

GL O. Z. overprint on 1898 issue.
2c orange.
Same, on 1899 issue.
2c carmine-lake.
Same, on 1906 issue.
5c de p dark blue.

INDIA.—(*Travancore.*)—*The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicles the 4-cash pink stamp of 1908 overprinted "On S S" in two lines in black.

Official Stamp.

4ca pink.

ITALY.—*The Postage Stamp* reports on the authority of Miss B. B. Douglas, the 15c overprinted "20" (Scott's No. 110) with the top two bars omitted.

As this stamp has three bars in each upper corner, we wonder which corner has the bars omitted, or, if both corners have two bars omitted, is it a misplaced surcharge leaving only one bar in either corner on the stamp?

JAMAICA.—(1390)—*Stamp Collecting* states in its Chronicle that the ½d value as well as the 1½d small overprint War Stamp exists with the "R" afterward inserted by a hand-stamp, and that Major Lockhart has two or three copies of each value, which show the "R" in differing positions, all out of alignment with the rest of the overprint.

MADAGASCAR.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new value for this Colony. It is printed in the 1908 design, Scott's type A9, on unsurfaced white paper, perforated 13½x14. Issued in July.

Adhesive.

15c dull purple and rosine.

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY.—(1382)—*The Philatelic Jour. of Gr. Britain* is our authority for giving the quantities of the new Red Cross stamps to be issued by this protectorate, which we mentioned in our Chronicle of June 23rd. This special issue will consist of stamps of the 1911 issue overprinted "REPUBLICA", and further overprinted in red with a Red Cross in the upper left corner and the date "31.7.17" in the lower right. The date is the anniversary of the opening of hostilities. The quantities to be prepared are as follows: 2½r, 6,020; 10r, 3,024; 20r, 3,024; 50r, 4,508; 75r, 1,820; 100r, 1,820; 700r, 1,288.

PANAMA.—(1385)—Mr. Frank E. Greene reports a double overprint of the "RETARDO" provisional, added to the list of other varieties given in our Chronicle of July 14th, and inverted surcharges of both the first and second "R" provisionals. The foregoing information is from *The Stamp Trade,* and the same writer in the same publication states that a number of issued as well as unissued varieties of the regular postage stamps are to be overprinted (and probably surcharged) for use as Telegraph stamps.

ST. LUCIA.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles shades of the current George head stamps, the ½d from plate 3 in a new deep green color distinctly different than the blue green and bright green previously recorded, and the 4d, second provisional printing on surface tinted paper, in red and gray-black on a pale tone of yellow surface-tinted paper with yellowish gum, differing from the first printing in carmine and black, on yellow surface-tinted paper with thin white gum.

Adhesives.

½d deep green.
4d red and gray-black on yellow, white back.

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new value for this Colony. It is Scott's type A19, printed on unsurfaced white paper, perforated 14x13½. Issued in July.

Adhesive.

15c dull purple and rosine.

SALVADOR.—The destructive earthquake in Salvador last June made necessary some provisional postage stamps. The 1915 Official stamps were overprinted "CORRIENTE" in red at the bottom and with a red bar obliterating the word "Oficial". Double bar varieties exist, as well as an inverted "CORRIENTE" on the 1c, according to Dr. Berthold in *The Philatelic Gazette,* which publication also gives the quantities of the provisionals that were overprinted, and which we place after each item in the following list. The provisionals were issued on June 7th, 1917.

Mr. Forrest P. Hand also gives us information regarding the above mentioned provisionals as well as showing us a new Official stamp for this country. The latter is the recently issued new postage stamp with large building in the center overprinted horizontally "OFICIAL" in Roman capitals in black.

Provisional Adhesives.

1c gray-green, 42,000.
a. "CORRIENTE" inverted.
2c red, 6,160.
5c ultramarine, 4,000.
6c pale blue, 38,280.
a. Double bar.
10c yellow, 37,120.
a. Double bar.
12c brown, 28,780.
a. Double bar.
50c violet, 46,980.
a. Double bar.

Official Stamp.

17c orange.

It would be interesting to know whether the provisional postage stamps listed above of the values of 6c and 12c were Scott's Nos. 966 and 967, overprinted, or whether they are of the type with "Oficial" in the design, overprinted. What we are trying to get at is, were 6c pale blue and 12c brown stamps of Scott's type O3 ever printed, used regularly, or later used provisionally overprinted? Perhaps some of our readers can enlighten us, or submit specimens.

SWEDEN.—Two provisional postage stamps have just been issued, according to Mr. Th. Allard in *Stamp Collecting,* to be used when sending packets from Sweden to Russia. The values are 1.98kr and 2.12kr, obtained by surcharging the 5kr King Gustav V type with those figures.

Provisional Adhesives.

1.98kr on 5kr claret on yellow.
2.12kr on 5kr claret on yellow.

TOGO.—(1360)—The 15c stamp recently issued for Dahomey, (See Dahomey Chronicle for August 25th, in No. 1391), has been overprinted "Togo Occupation franco-anglaise" in four lines, for use in this occupied ex-German Colony.

Adhesive.

15c dark red and violet.

TURKEY.—One hundred and thirty-three varieties of obsolete Turkish stamps and four varieties of obsolete Eastern Roumelian stamps have been overprinted with a device in red, black or blue, consisting of a five pointed star with the date 1332 in a scroll beneath it and a further shield like ornament containing the Turkish characters "P. T. T." towards the bottom of the stamps. The list is too long to give it here, but as it will probably be in the Scott Supplemental Catalogue, soon to be issued we can await seeing it there.

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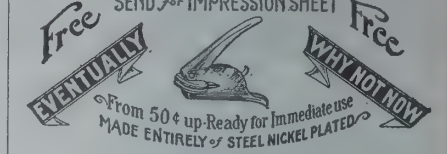
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The Issue of 1869.

This issue is one of the most popular with United States collectors, owing to its pictorial value.

The contract for the printing was awarded to the National Bank Note Company of New York. Ten values were included in series, a 6c denomination being issued for the first time, to take the place of the 5c no longer needed because of changes in rates.

The stamps of this series are smaller than in any of the previous issues, and are square. Entirely different colors were adopted.

Various designs were prepared, and essays made, before the final work was approved. Many of these essays are not scarce, as a large number were apparently made in various colors. An essay of a 5c value was prepared in the design of the approved 6c, but stamps were never made in that value.

The one cent bore a portrait of Benjamin Franklin, facing to the left, in a circle, with inscriptions at top and bottom. It was printed in buff.

The two cent, which is more or less familiar to collectors, bore a picture of a post-rider. The color ranges from brown to yellow brown.

The three cent pictures a locomotive of the type then prevalent. This value being most generally used, has until recently been obtainable in rather large quantities, and has offered a generous field for the study of varieties. The color ranges from light blue to dark blue and ultramarine.

The six cent depicts George Washington. The color is blue. This is one of the scarcer low values.

The ten cent features a shield inscribed "United States Postage" and large numeral "10," while an eagle with wings outspread rests on the shield. The color ranges from yellow to orange and golden yellow.

The twelve cent, printed in green, pictures an ocean steamer.

The fifteen cent value was the first bi-colored postage stamp issued by the United States, and pictures the Landing of Columbus from the painting by Vanderlyn. The frame is printed in brown, while the center, bearing the picture, is printed in blue.

Three types of the fifteen cent stamp exist, though only two were made as part of the 1869 issue, the third being included in the re-issue of 1875. Type I is generally known as the "picture unframed," while Type II is known as the "picture framed." The difference lies in three parallel lines surrounding the picture, which broaden out at the top center, and include a white diamond shaped ornament. In Type I these lines and the diamond are omitted. In Type I a band of lines extends straight across the top of the picture. Type III (the reissue) bears only a single line, but is otherwise like Type I.

The "picture framed" stamp also embraces one of the greatest rarities in United States stamps, for a very limited number of these stamps were printed with the center picture inverted. This error was due to defective printing, and a few of the sheets thus printed were allowed to get into circulation before the error was detected.

The twenty-four cents value was also printed in two colors, the frame being printed in green, while the center picture of the "Signing of the Declaration of Independence" was printed in violet. The picture is taken from the painting by Trumbull.

This value is also known with inverted picture, and is a rarity in that condition. The circumstances of the issue of the error are similar to the 15c.

The thirty cents stamp is not unlike the ten cents in design, excepting that American flags have been added to the shield on either side. This stamp is also printed in two colors, the shield and eagle being in carmine, while the flags and other parts are in blue.

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This stamp was never issued, as far as known, with inverted center.

While cancelled copies are scarce, in any condition, the stamp on original cover is almost unknown.

This concludes one of the most picturesque and interesting issues of our stamps. While the issue was only in use for a little over a year, and accordingly but few varieties were created, it offers collectors an opportunity to make a handsome and interesting collection.

The grill used on this issue is square, and measures approximately 9½ x 9½ mm. Varieties of grill are to be had, as in the previous issue.

Cancellation varieties of this period, and of the previous years, are exceedingly interesting, though the 1861 series has more to offer in this line. Collectors caring for these will derive much pleasure from studying the curious figure obliterations, such as the bluebird (generally found on the 3c 1869) and others equally odd. Paid cancellations are scarce, on the 1869 series. Colored inks were used to some extent, blue being the one most frequently found. Red and green cancellations are scarce, though the red foreign may be had on the higher values used on letters sent abroad.

The collector who wishes to hunt should try to complete the 1869 series with town cancellation. He will require a long life and much patience. The town cancellations are scarce on all values, but extremely rare on the higher denominations. Target or concentric rings are not uncommon on the lower values. Steamship obliterations are quite numerous on the 10c and 30c and exist on the other values as well. Pen cancellations on the higher items, particularly the 90c, which was used on packages, are not as uncommon.

Taken as a whole, the study of cancellations is a valuable and instructive adjunct to a collection of this period.

Issues of 1870-79.

The series of 1869 was not a success with the people or the government. The stamps were too small for convenience, the gum was poor, and the designs were subject to severe criticism in some instances. It was very hard to cancel the stamps thoroughly!

Under the terms of the contract, the government had the right to require the manufacturer to change the designs, and accordingly, as soon as the new postmaster general came into office, he ordered an entirely new set prepared, the stamps to be larger and plainer in design.

These stamps were issued under the previous contract awarded to the National Bank Note Company. The actual date on which the stamps were placed on sale, is unknown, but is believed to be about April 15th, 1870.

This series included the same denominations as the previous issue, with the exception that a seven cent value was added to the set in 1871. The stamps are oblong in shape, and were printed in panes of one hundred stamps, ten rows by ten. The portraits are all in profile, facing to the left. The words "U. S. Postage" appear at the top of the stamps, and the value in words and numerals appears at the bottom. On the 24c the numerals are in the upper corners, this being the only exception.

1c Franklin, ultramarine.
2c Jackson, red brown.
3c Washington, green.
6c Lincoln, carmine rose.
7c Stanton, scarlet vermilion.
10c Jefferson, brown.
12c Clay, dull violet.
15c Webster, bright orange.
24c Scott, dull purple.
30c Hamilton, full black.
90c O. H. Perry, carmine lake.

The need of the seven cent stamp was created by a treaty with the North German Confederation, fixing the single letter rate of seven cents on letters sent by direct steamer. This treaty was signed in April, 1870, but owing to the Franco-Prussian War, which necessitated the discontinuance of direct steamers to Germany, the stamps were not needed until the following year. The seven cent stamp was little used, for the rate was soon reduced to six cents. The majority of covers bearing seven cent stamps are addressed to Germany, Denmark or Italy.

The stamps of this issue were both with and without grill, and both appear to have been issued concurrently. The use of the grill was soon discontinued, for it had not proved successful.

Dangerous counterfeits of the grill on the stamps of this issue are not uncommon. These are generally found on the 12c and 24c, the two rarest of the grilled stamps, though they occur on other values as well. These faked grills are very hard to distinguish from the genuine, owing to the poor work done in grilling the stamps, and collectors should insist on having the stamps passed on by reputable experts.

The original grill rollers were destroyed, after they had been used for other purposes.

The stamps printed by the National Bank Note Co. were on a hard white wove paper. These stamps are distinguishable from the later issues by the absence of the "secret marks" later added to the dies, and do not cause collectors much difficulty in placing them.

Luff lists the 6c and 24c on double paper, but both are very rare.

The three cent value is known in imperforate condition. Collectors should purchase this variety only in pairs, owing to the possibility of trimming poorly perforated copies. Pairs of the imperforate stamps are extremely rare, however.

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ADDENDA.

A.—The letter "A" is found in conjunction with the marginal plate number on some of the sheets of United States stamps issued during the latter part of 1911 and the early months of 1912. On some of these plates only the number preceded by "A" is shown while others also bear the imprint "Bureau of Engraving and Printing." The significance of the letter relates to the spacing between the stamps. Prior to January, 1909, all plates from which postage stamps were printed were made with uniform spaces between the stamps. After the above date the vertical spaces were graduated from narrow ones in the middle to wide ones at each side. On November, 1910, another gauge was used which gives uniform spaces but wider ones than those used prior to 1909 and this is known as the "A" gauge. The change was made to allow for the expansion and contraction of the paper with the idea of obtaining better results in perforation, and the "A" was added to the plates so that officials could identify sheets printed from those plates at a glance. When it was finally proved that the wider spacing effected the desired purpose better than the graduated spaces there was of course no further necessity for marking new plates in any special manner and the letter "A" was, therefore, dropped from use.

ANTWERPEN.—The Flemish rendering of Antwerp as shown upon the special stamps issued in Belgium in 1894 to mark the Antwerp Exhibition.

ANVERS.—The French form of Antwerp shown upon the Antwerp Exhibition stamps.

ACID-REACTIONS.—(See "Chemical changelings".)

A. P. S.—An abbreviation for American Philatelic Society—the "national" stamp association of the United States—in general use in this country.

A. S. D. A.—These initials, which have now become quite well known in this country, are those of the American Stamp Dealers' Association.

APPROVAL BOOKS AND SHEETS.—These are books (of various sizes) and sheets upon which stamps are mounted for the purpose of submitting selections on approval to prospective purchasers.

AUCTION SALES.—Everyone knows what an auction sale is and when these words appear in a philatelic sense they refer to sales of stamps by mail or public auction. Such sales are held at frequent intervals by firms specialising on this class of philatelic business in the United States and Great Britain and, less frequently, in France and Germany.

AERO MAIL.—Mail carried by means of aeroplanes. It can, of course, only be identified from ordinary mail when special postage stamps or special cancellations are used in connection therewith. Up to the present the carrying of mail by aeroplane has only taken place between certain localities on special occasions and all such mail has been marked with distinctive cancellations. Quite recently the Italian government has inaugurated more or less permanent services by aeroplane and hydroplane and has issued special postage stamps for franking matter sent by these services.

ACCESSORIES.—To the philatelist this term covers such generally used helps to collecting as hinges, tongs, perforation gauges, pocket books, and watermark detectors.

AUTOMATIC STAMP VENDING MACHINES.—These, as the name indicates, are machines on the "nickel-in-the-slot" principle for the vending of stamps in small amounts.

AUTOMATIC STAMPING MACHINES.—These are machines which automatically apply stamps to any desired mail matter. The stamps are inserted on coils containing either 500 or 1000 and some of the machines are so ingenious that they are guaranteed to seal, stamp, and count upwards of 4,000 envelopes per hour.

AUTOMATIC MACHINE PERFORATIONS.—(See "Coil stamps").

A RECEBER.—An inscription found upon the postage due stamps of Portugal and many of the Portuguese colonies. It may be translated literally as "to be received," referring, of course, to the amount to be received by the post office in payment of the deficient postage.

ASCENSION ISLAND.—A British island in the south Atlantic ocean situated about 760 miles northwest of St. Helena, and so-called on account of the fact that it was discovered by the Portuguese navigator, Juan de Nova, on Ascension Day, 1501. The island, which has an area of only 38 square miles and a population of less than 500 is used as a coaling and victualling station for the African squadron of the British Navy. Great Britain took possession of it in 1815 and the island is officially rated at the Admiralty as a man of war. No special postage stamps have been issued for use there and the little mail, collected very infrequently, is franked with ordinary British stamps. These can, of course, only be distinguished by the cancellation.

ASSISTENCIA NACIONAL AOS TUBERCULOSIS.—(National assistance for the Tuberculous.) The inscription shown on the private stamps issued in Portugal in 1904 for the use of the National Society for aiding consumptives.

ARMADA EM OPERACOES CONTRA O PARAGUAY.—(Fleet in operation against Paraguay.)—The inscription on a crude type-set label used by Brazilian sailors in 1865-70 during the war with Paraguay. These stamps were printed by a stationer in Rio de Janeiro and supplied free to the sailors, and the Government allowed them to frank letters to all parts of Brazil.

ALABAMA STATE REVENUES.—These were special revenue stamps of the facial value of $1 and $2 issued by the state of Alabama in 1867-8 for payment of a tax on seals.

ANCHEL.—Appears on the stamps of the Native Indian State of Travancore and is the equivalent of our word "postage."

A. M.—An overprint found on several of the provisional stamps of Greece issued in 1900. These letters are an abbreviation for "Axia Metalliki" meaning "value in gold". The same letters form part of the design of the Greek stamps of 1902 and stamps so marked were sold on the basis of gold only and not for paper money.

BOCAS DEL TORO.—A port of the republic of Panama on an island of the same name, and on one of the entrances to that magnificent harbor—the Bay of Chiriqui. It is philatelically famous from the fact that during the transition period of 1903-4, just after Panama had indicated its independence, two special types of overprint were applied to the stamps sold at the local post office.

BOLLO STRAORDINARO PER LE POSTE.—the inscription shown on the so-called newspaper stamp of Tuscany issued in 1854. Its literal meaning is "Stamp extraordinary for the post". The stamp was not a postage stamp in the strict meaning of the term but represented a fiscal tax collected on newspapers coming from foreign countries.

BALKAN STATES.—The Balkan States, or the Balkans, comprise the countries geographically forming the Balkan Peninsula, viz.:—Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Servia, Montenegro, Roumania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

BOOKLET-LEAVES.—(See "Stamp Booklets".)

BLOCKS OF FOUR.—This is self-explanatory and, of course, simply means four unsevered stamps in two rows of two each.

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Original—We have seen something new and we hail Mr. C. A. Burner, Normal, Illinois, as a progressive of the right sort. Mr. Burner has submitted to us his improved plan, which is copyrighted, of compiling auction prices, which, alone as a labor-saving device, merits high praise. Mr. Burner has started the *Philatelic Index* which is a semi-monthly devoted to the interests "of collectors who buy in auctions and desire to know prices." Mr. Burner, we may say in passing, is a printer and newspaperman whose experience will not come amiss in his bout with philatelic journalism. However, Mr. Burner's venture is founded upon an idea that impressed us with its points of advantage. He gives the prices obtained at an auction sale, in accordance with the following scheme. First, he covers the first ten numbers by the abbreviated entry, "1-10," followed by ten prices ranged one after the other. For instance, lot 4 would be priced as the fourth figure in the row. The next line, "11-20," follows the same plan and this numerical sequence is followed to the end. We have before us the list of the first six sessions of the Worthington sale, totaling 3160 lots, so compactly presented that we call it a benefaction to auction buyers. Under the old plan, the auction catalogue, priced by hand or on rare occasions, with printed prices was an expensive and laborious compilation. Now the selling-price of any lot may be found easily by reference to the Burner index and the expense of what to all intents and purposes is a priced catalogue is so reduced as to become almost negligible. Of course one must keep the auction catalogue received before the sale in order to apply the prices which are given by the *Philatelic Index* to it. It is not often that we come in contact with an original idea and so we are refreshed by a contemplation of this means of increasing the efficiency of the working of an important philatelic detail.

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Missed—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who made it an absolute rule never to take money but only "exchange" for any stamp duplicate that he disposed of? Is this o. f. c. arguing over Henry Ward Beecher somewhere with the old-fashioned dealer who used to come down to his shop an hour earlier on Saturday mornings than usual, to accommodate the kid trade?

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Fiery—"My idea of the pinnacle of piffle is to hear an old Croesus tell a group of boy collectors to whom his collection in part has been shown that they should not despair of getting a collection as good as his, when he knows very well that only a millionaire could spend the money that he does for stamps," a reader writes, beratingly. Yes, but why the heat, Evadne, there are worse things in philately. For our part we think that it is rather decent of the old party to take the time to show his collection to the boys and to throw in a bit of "jolly" for good measure.

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Again—Once more we descend upon the *Saturday Evening Post* and take liberties with its columns. We commandeer the following extract from the story, "Boldero," by Henry Milner Rideout, to whose story-telling powers we make a profound obeisance, in the name of philately. Lord Belsire, (Jimmy) is philosophizing to Jack Boldero, the hero, who, truly, is one: "They pretend I own two or three more landscapes, fair and smiling as this, in other parts of the county. What then? Can they make a man happy? No; nor unhappy, either. Did you ever see the remarkable stamp issued by a great dominion that proclaimed, 'We hold a vaster empire than has been'? Like Corsica Boswell's hatband; or like wearing a sandwich-board. I'm the richest damned scoundrel on earth!" Again we repeat that we are pleased to see that philately is being relied upon increasingly to furnish saw and instance to the big writers of the outside world.

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Loss—We cannot allow the death of Henry E. Legler to pass unnoticed. Mr. Legler was librarian of the Chicago Public Library and in his profession few were as eminent as he. We who knew of Mr. Legler in the old amateur journalistic days felt close to him for his understanding of stamp collecting. Mr. Legler, like Willard O. Wylie, was once president of the National Amateur Press Association. Mr. Legler entered largely into the civic life of Chicago and his death in practically the prime of life is a great loss to the forces of good.

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Find—We have come into the possession of a most interesting postal marking, whose existence is well worth recording. It is on an envelope that bears the advertising card of D. B. Cooke & Co., Booksellers, Chicago, in the upper left-hand corner and in the right upper corner is the circular post office stamped impression in dark red, "One-Paid-Cent." The recipient of the envelope had endorsed it as having been received in September, 1854. Over the impression described is the word, circular, in black letters. The device is an artistic arrangement and while in postmark form is very effective. In 1854, the use of postage stamps practically was obligatory although it was not until 1855, we believe, from memory, that the rule was absolutely enforced. The example before us is novel to our eyes and certainly is one of the last illustrations of postage paid in cash. The additional circular mark may have been applied at the post office or even at the office of the senders in Chicago. We are gratified to make this contribution to the history of "postalic impressions."

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Response—Several weeks ago, we suggested that readers who were in the mood to do so should tell us what stamp made the most indelible impression on them; and we started off with a few samples. It is somewhat singular how many wrote us but those who volunteered ran true to form. The dollar Omaha; the one cent Nova Scotia; the Falkland Islands, queen's, two shillings and six pence; the Canada beaver and other standards were named but what we wanted to say was that some brave soul maintained that the four cent proprietary, red brown, of the 1875-81 issue is the most striking stamp to him. Yes, it is an effective design but there must be some underlying reason for the choice and the reasons are what we are after. No doubt, the Brazil stamp that H. E. Deats found on the local post office floor and which was the stamp that started him on his philatelic career is the most fascinating stamp to him yet.

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CHAPTER XXXI.

The 5c Proprietary, 1875-83.

The Bureau printed 1,581,000 of the 5c stamps and the total issue recorded is 2,061,165. On a proportionate basis this figures 77% Bureau prints and 23% National and American prints combined, and if all the Bureau prints were issued only 480,165 five cent stamps are left for the five years previous to the Bureau issue. Apparently 5c stamps were used much less extensively from 1875 to 1880 than before 1875 and after 1880 and there is no way of telling from the records available whether or not any of this denomination issued on water-marked paper were printed by the National Co., or the American Co., or both of them. Without knowing the number of the 5c printed on silk paper we can only guess the answer to the riddle. The 5c black and green was used at the rate of over 190,000 per year and the National Co. may have anticipated a similar demand for their 5c stamp and printed such a large supply on silk paper that there was no need for further printings until the Bureau took over the contract.

The chances, however, favor the supposition that there were 150,000 or more 5c stamps printed by the American Bank Note Co., as the total quantity ordered from this company from June 30, 1879 to October, 1880, comes to 150,610 stamps, and the writer believes these orders were filled by printing a new supply because the report of June 30, 1879, quoted previously indicates that after October, 1876, the stock of stamps from which the collectors of internal revenue were supplied was kept at the Treasury Department in Washington, and that the stamps were sent there from the Bank Note Companies as printed—the latter keeping no supply on hand. If there had been a large supply of the 5c on silk paper on hand at the Treasury Department in 1879 or 1880 there would have been no need of ordering 150,000 more five cent stamps.

The quantities ordered from the printers by the Internal Revenue office for the year ending June 30, were:

1880—95,350 from the American Co.
1881—55,260 from the American Co.
1881—120,500 from the Bureau.
1882—592,590 from the Bureau.
1883—719,946 from the Bureau.

Before 1880 the records give only the combined totals of private dies and general issues of each denomination ordered during the fiscal year.

The principal use for the 5c stamp at the time was on playing cards. The larger playing card manufacturers however had private die stamps, but bought none of their own stamps after March, 1883, and no doubt used many of the 5c Proprietary during the last few months of the tax. There were 878,550 less 5c private die stamps printed and delivered by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing during the year ending June 30, 1883 than in the previous fiscal year. This seems to be the reason why 65% to 70% of all the 5c black proprietary were used in 1882 and 1883. The Bureau printings of the 5c stamp for the year ending June 30, were: 1881—170,000; 1882—901,000; 1883—510,000.

These figures show that the quantity of rouletted 5c stamps did not exceed 170,000 and was probably only a small fraction of that amount. From the scarcity of genuine copies it is rather doubtful if as many as 20,000 of the 5c were issued rouletted.

CHAPTER XXXII.

The 10c Proprietary, 1875-83.

The 10c Proprietary, first issued in October, 1881, was engraved and printed only by the Bureau and therefore belongs to the fifth set. There were two printings. The first was 200 sheets—34,000 stamps—before June 30, 1882, and the second was 300 sheets—51,000 stamps—after June 30, 1882. Two shades are found, dull blue and deep blue, which probably correspond to the two printings. As this stamp was not issued, nor even engraved, until at least eight months after the 6c appeared in violet the color of the 6c could not have been changed to avoid confusion with the 10c.

The Boston Book states the die for this stamp was approved August 31, 1881, that the stamp was first issued October 21, 1881, and last issued March 6, 1883. On June 30, 1881, there were about 62,000 of the 10c black and green still on hand. During July, August and September over 21,000 more were ordered, leaving a balance of about 41,000 on September 30, 1881. Whether or not these old 10c were carried in stock until after March 6, 1883, or were issued contemporaneously with the 10c blue is not known, but some assume a large proportion of them were kept on hand and that the 12,000 or so 10c stamps ordered after March 6, 1883, were supplied from this stock. The writer admits the possibility of this assumption being true but considers it more probable that the black and green stamps were all used up and that the orders received after March 6, 1883, were filled with blue stamps. The scarcity of the blue stamps favors the belief that the number issued was much less than 85,000.

Adding the 62,000 black and green 10c stamps on hand June 30, 1881, to the 85,000 blue 10c known to have been printed after that date gives 147,000 from which to fill the orders for 117,000 received in the two years ending June 30, 1883, and leaves a balance of 30,000 on hand at the latter date. Obviously, if this balance was blue stamps the number of 10c blue issued was 55,000, while if the 30,000 remainders were green and black 10c then the whole 85,000 blue stamps must have been issued. The actual number issued may

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NEW CANADA COMMEMORATIVE.

We have received from A. Norton Buell a copy of the new confederation commemorative which has been promised for some months. It is oblong rectangular in shape like the other commemorative issues of Canada, and is printed in brown. A detailed description of the stamp with acknowledgment of further courtesies will doubtless appear next week in the more formal Chronicle by the editor of our new issues department. The design shows the confederation scene pictured in last week's paper.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding varieties and new issues gratefully received. Address PERCY McG. MANN, 720 Liberty Bldg., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents. Numbers in parentheses indicate the previous issue of the WEEKLY in which information germane to the subject was published.

War Covers.

Mr. Buell W. Hudson shows us a mixed lot of war covers, with interesting marks thereon. These include a cover from Russia with the provisional "KOP.10 KOP." on 7k stamp, with marks of a script "B" in a lozenge and a fancy "46" in a square besides a censor label in Russian with the censor mark in the same language, all the marks in purple. One from Finland with a Finnish censor label in three languages, Swedish, Finnish and Russian. (This is one of the earliest censor labels). A cover from South Africa with an official frank mark of some kind covered with a 2½d stamp and then cancelled "PRETORIA", the usual censor mark in dark blue also on the cover. A Straits Settlements cover with the usual "PASSED BY CENSOR" No. 11, censor mark in violet. An Italian cover duly sealed up with a grayish label, these, by-the-way, come in white and green as well as 5c on the back.
gray, with a Milano red cross stamp of

So many combinations, and from so many different countries do these things come, we refrain from listing them in our Chronicle, as they would crowd out stamps. However, once in awhile, it does no harm to mention them, as there are many collectors who are interested. However, to list all of them, one would have to have a thorough knowledge of all the languages of the world, and time that would not have to be devoted to anything else.

UNITED STATES.—(1351)—In our Chronicle of June 16th we drew attention to two distinct shades of the Special Delivery stamps perforated 10. Thanks to Mr. H. M. Kaisinger, we can formally list three distinct shades of the same stamp perforated 11.

Special Delivery Stamps.
Unwmkd. Perf. 11.
10c deep ultramarine.
10c dull blue.
10c deep blue.

These shades are distinct and do not require any stretch of the imagination to separate them one from the other.

(1393)—Mr. Don J. Grout submits a cover with a postmark similar to the one described in our issue of Sept. 8th: "U. S. ARMY POSTAL SERVICE" around the top, but "No. 3" at the bottom, and impressed in ink-pad-black. The censor mark on this cover is the same as that described in the Aug. 25th Chronicle, but impressed in light blue—the number the same: "A. 15".

Mr. Grout writes, in part: "Soon after our troops arrived in France, Mr. E. E. Campbell of our town received three letters from his son, Harold, who is a Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps. The first was written before the troops left this country, the second enroute and the third after they had reached France. They were all cancelled with the regular ship cancellation, but as it may not be wise I will not give its name. Across letter number one was written "Censored", while two and three were simply marked "Passed by Censor". In one, the second, Lt. Campbell wrote as follows: 'I am now doing the censoring for our bunch and my room looks like a post office'. I do not know as 'bunch' refers to his company or to the entire ship. I am now enclosing the cover from a still further letter received. You will note that it bears the censor mark as described by you and also the 'OK Lt. Campbell' and what is still more interesting it bears no stamp." It does bear, however, the notation "Officers Mail" in mss. We understand that stamps do not have to be used by the Expeditionary Force, as their mail is carried free.

ABYSSINIA.—(1391)—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the 1g with three line commemorative overprint.

Adhesive.
1g green and orange.

AITUTAKI.—(1381)—The 6d with King George head must be in use, as *Booleman's Circular* offers it for sale.

Adhesive.
6d carmine-rose.

ALBANIA.—(1394)—We reprint the following from *Stamp Collecting*: "When we chronicled the new Albanian labels, we could not help but think of the possibilities of philatelic brigandage in that troubled land. A certain newspaper having stated that, on December last, the capital of a free and independent Albanian Republic was set up at Koritza, *having postage stamps of its own,* a soldier friend, interned in Switzerland, seeking further particulars, wrote to a fellow officer at Salonica. The latter sends a significant reply:—

I am sorry to say that the Koritza stamps, about which you sent a newspaper cutting, are not to be obtained for love or money, and, in fact, I am not quite satisfied that they were never issued. I am not an expert in the stamp business myself, but those who hold themselves forth as expert collectors are sharply divided as to the existence of these Koritza labels. Possibly the issue was another act upon the part of the stamp exploiters *who are certainly at work here.*

The reference to the 'free and independent Albanian Republic, the embyro State with all the machinery of modern Government' is pure 'tosh' and a flight of imagination on the part of a press representative. The town is in reality a filthy, tumbled-down, isolated village, which was seized by a band of cutthroats, who terrorized the countryside until the French got on their track.

"Our correspondent was writing, of course, before the proclamation of an Italian Protectorate over Albania, and the recently chronicled postal perpetrations from that country would certainly appear to be under a cloud."

We are afraid that *Stamp Collecting* took too much of its correspondent's letter for granted, when it commented so strongly on the issues of Republican Albania. We would draw the attention of our readers to our Chronicle of July 21st, wherein we state: "The copy (one of the stamps in question) shown us by Dr. Perry is on a cover addressed to Worcester, Mass., and it is cancelled 'Korytsa, Albanie, 18 Mar 1917'," etc. This proves that the stamps did international postal service, without a questioning doubt.

AUSTRIA.—*Feldpost.—Booleman's Circular* offers for sale a new series of the "K. u. K. FELDPOST" stamps with portrait of Emperor Charles I. The series consists of 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80 and 90 heller, 2, 3, 4 and 10 krones, but the colors are not announced. The stamps were issued on July 30, 1917.

BOSNIA.—On June 28th, 1917, the anniversary of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and his wife at Sarajevo, three stamps were issued to memorialize that sad event, and they were, we understand, only on sale that day. The 10h and 40h are of oblong design, the former picturing a view of Sarajevo and the latter containing portraits of the Archducal couple; the 15h is of upright rectangular design and contains a portrait of the Archduke. All three contain the inscription "K. u. K. MILITARPOST" at top and the date "28 JUNI 1914" at the bottom between the figures of value which are in the lower corners Our information is from *Booleman's Circular,* but no information as to the colors of the stamps is there given The stamps were sold at their face value plus 2h each.

Advertising Chat

—Something has happened in Boston.

—B. L. Drew, who for years has conducted a stamp business under the name of B. L. Drew & Co., has sold his stock and good-will to Daniel F. Kelleher. The announcement in our columns elsewhere will be read with interest. The firm of B. L. Drew & Co. has been one of the Hub's strong bulwarks of philately and while Mr. Drew has sold out his interest, we are glad that the firm name will not be lost to the trade. Mr. Drew advises us of the change and tells us that he is "out but not down." Our experience teaches us that he is a hard man to down.

—Daniel F. Kelleher, who has bought the Drew business leaps with a single bound into the limelight. During the past year he has advertised modestly in the WEEKLY, but his offerings have been of a quality that attracted attention. Under his administration of the affairs of the firm, B. L. Drew & Co. should be very much in evidence with our readers. Congratulations, Mr. Kelleher.

—J. R. Nichols, a user of Adlet space during the past year, branches out with displayed advertising under a three-in-one contract. H. W. Protzmann of Milwaukee, Wis., who used displayed space all last season signs a three-in-one contract and will commence Sept. 29. His advertising will be featured with the caption "More nice stamps cheap." We have never had a single complaint filed against either Nichols or Protzmann.

—We have featured this party before, but are compelled to give him another piece of publicity. His name and address is Rayford Goode, Salem, Ore. He sends A. C. Roessler a check for $5 and it is returned "No account."

—Last week the advertising of the Colonial Stamp Co. of Chicago reappeared. The manager of this company, Mr. Enelow, writes that he expects to continue his advertising for the coming season.

—The advertisement of Alfred Lechner in Adlets offers mixed precancels. The adv. copy submitted reminded us of the trouble experienced last spring on similar advertising. We have seen a sample of Mr. Lechner's offerings and it looks like a money-worth proposition. When it comes to advertising mixtures we must be shown.

—Irvin B. Robinson has resumed his Adlet advertising and intends to make a special hustle for business this season. There is a reason. A clipping just at hand makes the date Sept. 5, 1917—a daughter.

—The Maxwell Stamp Co., advertising under contract with the WEEKLY and formerly at 205 St. James Place, Brooklyn, has removed to 1098 Fulton St., where the firm has taken a ground floor store to make room for its growing trade. Congratulations.

—A review copy of Bright & Son's priced catalog of war stamps has been received. It is dated August, 1917. It is a comprehensive priced list of these stamps and is sold for the low price of 9c. This is the third edition.

—Herbert W. Mason of Hackettstown, N. J., reports R. Loughren, 689 Case St., St. Paul, Minn. The correspondence in the case has been submitted for our inspection. No attention is paid to letters written him.

—There will be noted this week the return to our columns of Paul W. Riedell of Schenectady, N. Y. Mr. Riedell is an old user of WEEKLY space and we welcome him on his return.

—We need two copies of the WEEKLY dated Feb. 7, 1914. Mail in the original folds to Beverly, Mass., and we shall send a fine equivalent in foreign exchanges.

—Have you seen our leaflet, "The Charm of Stamp Collecting"? You need it to use in your correspondence. It introduces our hobby in an easy, conversational way and should prove of use as a missionary medium. Fifty for 25c. Are you doing anything for the hobby?

—If you have stamps for sale write us concerning our "3 in 1" contract.

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CANADA.—(1391)—Mr. J. Arthur Wainwright informs us of the receipt of the "Broadview Boys Fall Fair Sept. 20-22 Toronto Y. M. C. A." cancellation for 1917, used from Toronto on Sept. 7th.

CAPE JUBI.—(1360)—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the six stamps which we listed in our Chronicle of January 20th, with surcharge inverted.

FRANCE.—(1365)—The long heralded series of charity stamps for the benefit of War Orphans has begun to appear. Thanks to Mr. J. Saulnier we have the first one before us. The size is the same as the regular French postage stamps but the design is oblong instead of upright and consists of a picture of a woman ploughing, two horses drawing the plough and the woman guiding, the corners of the design rounded forming a frame. Across the top is "RE-

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This column is for the use of our patrons who desire only a few lines of space. If you want to buy, sell, or exchange, it is without doubt the best advertising medium in the world.

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U. S. $1.00 1908-15-17, nice, each, .13
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Over 8000 stamp collectors read this paper. They will read your adv. as you read this.

"Getwise." Try my ½, 1 and 2 cent net Foreign Approvals. Precancels, 100 var. 15 cts.; 150 var. 25 cts.; 200 var. 50 cts.; 300 var. $1.50. Chicago Precancels 60 varieties, 40 cents. J. D. HUBEL, 1305 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich. [tf*

Do it now—See Marks Stamp Co. ads on inside cover page. Will pay to read. [tf*

I pay postage both ways on selections of my net app. J. W. Durgin, Portsmouth, N. H. [tf*

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If you wish to sell your stamps at auction send them to H. WENDT, Manilla, Iowa. [tf*

I can supply Precancells in singles, pairs and blocks. I will send 2 precancell retail price lists free for a 2c postage stamp. H. S. DICKEY, Newton, Kansas. [96*

App. at 50% Discount. Stamps at 1, 2, 3c net. L. Barnes, 340 Lincoln Av.,Detroit,Mich.

Can. Postage, Rev., Entires, Covers, Coils, Panes, Plate Nos., War Tax, For. apps. Ref. req. Mrs. Oughtred, 28 Lincoln Ave., Montreal, Que. *

U. S. 1902-03, No. 300b, Imp. un'd pair, 14c. G.A.Burgers, 6334 S.Washtenaw Av., Chicago.*

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North Borneo 1892, 6c lake (cat. 20c), .10
Approvals. Premium cat. 50c. Send ref.
HOWARD E. JACKSON, Edgewater,N.J. [tf*

Why not try my approvals and have your choice of nine premiums. HENRY COLE, M-2, Box 380, Indianapolis, Ind. [96

Canada, Nos. 42 and 42a, very fine, .08
Nos. 48, 48a, 49, 49a, fine, .25
No. 50, used or new, fine, .25
Nos. 51, 52 and 53, fine, .08
Beginners—send for my bargain sheets.
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Seeing that they are not going to make the old "Red Eye" any more, Whiskey labels ought to be one of the great rarities of the future. But that is no reason why you shouldn't
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2½r gray.
15r green.
20r violet.
50r brown.
100r blue on blue.
115r brown on rose.
130r brown on yell.
200r violet on rose.
400r gr.-blue on buff.
500r black on blue.
700r violet.

NEW ZEALAND.—(1384)—*The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* chronicles the 2d George head, surface printed, overprinted "OFFICIAL".

Official Stamp.

2d yellow.

ROUMANIAN.—(*German Occupation.*)—German stamps with an overprint of "M. V. i. R." (Militar-Verwaltung in Rumanien) within a small frame and new value in Roumanian currency have been issued for use in that part of the country occupied by the German army, and some Timbru de Ajutor and fiscal stamps of Roumania have likewise been overprinted by the Germans "M. V. i. R." in a frame, according to *Het Philatelistisch Maandslad*. In the following list the color of the overprint is given as "R" red, "B" black. *Booleman's Circular* chronicles a postal card with the German overprint.

Occupation Stamps.

(Overprinted German Stamps.)
15b (in B) on 15pf yellow brown (R).
25b (in B) on 20pf ultramarine (B).
40b (in B) on 30pf orange and black on buff (R).
(Overprinted Timbru de Ajutor stamps.)
5b black (R).
10b brown (B).
(Overprinted Roumanian fiscal stamps.)
10b brown (B).

The 30b and 1 leu fiscal stamps were likewise overprinted, but these are not for postal service.

Occupation Postal Card.

(German postal card overprinted.)
10b on 10pf carmine on buff.

RUSSIA.—(1388)—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the 5r stamp type of 1906 with latticed varnish lines overprinted as mentioned, as about to be issued, in our Chronicle of August 4th. Perforated 13½.

Adhesive.

5r blue, pale blue and green.

ST. PIERRE & MIQUELON.—(1394)—The new 15c stamp chronicled last week has been overprinted "+5c" for the benefit of the Red Cross.—*Champion's Bulletin.*

Red Cross Stamp.

+5c on 15c dull purple and rosine.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles the receipt of a new or fourth local issue of War Tax stamps, consisting of the ½d with "WAR TAX" in two lines, spaced about 3 mm. apart, overprinted thereon. It comes on thick paper with white gum and wmk. opaque as well as on thin paper with yellow gum and wmk. transparent. The overprint is in thick block type capitals. They were issued on July 21st. 240,000 is the quantity of the issue.

War Tax Stamps.

½d deep green, thick paper.
½d yellow-green, thin paper.

Our contemporary states that the ½d of the *third issue*, large Roman capitals overprint, was placed on sale in Port-of-Spain on June 21st and that the issue was exhausted on June 26th.

ZAMBESIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the stamps of 1898-1903 with a local overprint "REPUBLICA" in red.

2½r gray.
25r rose.
100r blue on blue.
115r blue on rose.
130r brown on yell.
200r vio. on rose.
400r blue on buff.
500r black on blue.
700r violet.

MOZAMBIQUE.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the stamps of 1898-1903 with a local overprint of "REPUBLICA" in red.

MEXICO.—Mr. Wm. E. Dowser submits a pair of the current 10c stamps on which the solid color about the numerals of value are nearly missing entirely, and requests us to "note the ornaments cut over the figures of value." Our correspondent calls this a "new issue in Mex." We are sorry, but we cannot look upon this variation as a new issue, and we believe that the solid color about the numerals is missing on account of being printed on paper which was too dry to take the ink from the recesses on the plate, or there was not enough ink put in the recesses to be taken up by the paper when the printing took place.

MAURITANIA.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the new 15c stamp in the current design, Scott's type A4.

Adhesive.

15c dark brown and black.

LIBERIA.—(1388)—*Champion's Bulletin* lists some varieties of the two stamps we chronicled on August 4th. On the provisional adhesive 4c on 25c green, one variety is "OUR" instead of "FOUR", and another is "FCUR" instead of "FOUR". On the official, provisional, 5c on 30c dark brown the variety is "FIV" instead of "FIVE".

Charity Stamp.

15c+10c light gray-green.

PUBLIQUE FRANCAISE", across the bottom "ORPHELINS de la GUERRE" and at the right, reading down, "POSTES". A shield in the lower left corner contains "15c" and another in the lower right corner contains "+10c". The name of the artist who designed the stamp appears in minute letters below the lower left corner: "DUMOULIN"; and the engraver's name, in minute letters, below the right corner: "RUFFE". The stamp is printed on thin wove, unwatermarked white paper, and is perforated 13x14.

THE PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

(Continued from page 311.)

BRUXELLES.—The Flemish rendering of Brussels as shown upon the special Belgium stamps issued in 1896 in honor of the exposition held in that city.

BRUSSEL.—The French form for Brussels which appears upon the special 5c and 10c stamps issued in Belgium in 1897 upon the occasion of the exhibition held in the city of Brussels.

BARKER'S CITY POST.—A label bearing this inscription and "Paid 5" was foisted on philatelists some years ago as another United States local. It is a spurious variety, for in connection with the Barker post, operated for a short time in Boston, only a handstamp was used.

BALLOON POST.—During the Franco-German war of 1870 Paris was for a time entirely surrounded by the enemy and the French resorted to an ingenious expedient for communicating with the outside world. A balloon corps was organised and during the siege no less than 65 balloons were sent up carrying mail for outside points. A great deal of this mail reached its destination, as many of the aeronauts were able to land in places friendly to the French. No special stamps were issued in connection with this service though an enhanced rate of postage was charged and the letters were generally marked "Par ballon monté".

BICYCLE POSTS.—Two stamp-issuing posts of local origin have existed at different times and as they came into being under somewhat interesting circumstances we give their history. During the stoppage of the regular U. S. postal service, occasioned by the American Railway Union strike of 1894, Mr. Arthur C. Banter, manager of the Victor Cyclery, of Fresno, California, inaugurated a service for conveying letters between that city and San Francisco—a distance of 210 miles—by means of bicycle messengers, who accomplished the journey in 18 hours. The service lasted for only twelve days—July 6th to the 18th—and during that time 380 letters were conveyed. These were franked either by special adhesive stamps of the value of 25c printed in green, or by the officially stamped envelopes, bearing in addition an impression of this special stamp. The stamps are large and lozenge shaped, the design showing a speeding cyclist in the centre. Around this is an oval band inscribed "Fresno and San Francisco Bicycle Mail Route, 1894" and in the four angles are "A. R. U" at the top, "Strike" at the bottom, "25" at the left, and "Cts" at the right.

The other local post was commenced by Mr. James A. Healy in Western Australia in 1893. This gentleman started the Coolgardie Cycle Express Company for conveying mail matter between Coolgardie and Southern Cross. Later he extended his service and in 1894 issued stamps of the value of 1s and 2s 6d, respectively, for the prepayment of packages sent by his post. These stamps show a bicycle on a plain ground with the value surrounded by the inscription "Coolgardie Cycle Express Company—Cycle Messages". Somewhat later, when the matter carried between certain points became too heavy for cycle riders, camels were employed for carrying the mails. Mr. Healy then changed the designs of the stamps and in June, 1896, issued a set of large, oblong, rectangular labels on which a camel and rider were shown crossing the desert. Around this was an oval band inscribed "Coolgardie Cycle Express Company" and in addition to the value the words "Western Australia" were shown at the sides. Three values were issued—6d, 2s, and 5s, respectively. By degrees the Government took over the mail routes established by Mr. Healy, and the operations of his local post entirely ceased in December, 1896.

COOLGARDIE CYCLE EXPRESS.—(See "Bicycle Posts".)

CAMEL POST.—(See "Bicycle Posts".)

CAICOS ISLANDS.—(See "Turks and Caicos Islands".)

CALIFORNIA STATE REVENUES.—These were special revenue stamps issued in the State of California during the period 1856-63 for use on Bills of Lading, Exchange, etc. There were a very large number of these altogether and of various face values ranging from 8c to $400. These taxes were in addition to the regular tax of the United States government.

MINT COLONIALS—Postage Extra.
East Africa and Uganda 1903, ½, 1a pair .20
2a ..... .25
4a ..... .40
Fiji 1903, ½, 1, 2d, set ..... .30
1903, 2½d ..... .15
1903, 3, 4, 5d, set ..... .45
1903, 6d ..... .20
1903, 1sh ..... .75
1904-06, ½d, 1d carmine, pair ..... .10
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No. 7, 5c green ..... .04
No. 8, 10c vermilion, ... .22
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Canada 1852, 6p purple black on cover 8.50
Chile 1911, 5p olive grn. & blk. cat.1.50 .72
China 1913, $1.00 carmine ..... .65
1913, $1.00 ochre and black ..... .15
E. PAIMANN, 76 Nassau St., New York City

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be anywhere between these two amounts. The blue 10c appears to have come and gone unheralded and almost unnoticed. Apparently it was not cataloged or known to philatelists until a long time after it was issued.

In connection with revenue stamp statistics there is a pertinent circumstance that should be reckoned with, especially in the last year of the tax. The term "issued" often does not mean the quantity of stamps sold to the public but refers to stamps supplied to collectors of internal revenue, or other government agents *for sale to the public.* No figures are available as to the stocks in the hands of the government agents which were returned to the department after June 30, 1883, nor is detailed data on record regarding the stamps returned by the public for redemption.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

Designs, Issues of 1875-83.

These stamps are all beautifully engraved and are worthy of much more attention and study than they have usually received. Had they been printed on white paper of course they would have been admired more and neglected less. In size they correspond to the rest of the Civil War series; the 1c and 2c values being slightly smaller than the higher denominations. Like the first issue, except the $200, each stamp is printed in one color only, but they differ from all the previous series in showing a profile of Washington instead of a three-quarter portrait. The Bank Check stamp has a female portrait—"Liberty"—and is the only U. S. documentary or general proprietary revenue stamp of the Civil War series that does not bear the likeness of the Father of His Country. On all the stamps the profile faces left.

Each stamp is different in design but the proprietaries are all somewhat similar in type and on both the bank check stamp and the proprietaries, (except the 10c), the same style of acanthus ornamentation was used. The inscriptions are all colorless. The Liberty head is on an oval with plain background, "U. S. INTER. REV." following the curve of the oval above, and "TWO 2 CENTS" in a double curve across the bottom of the stamp.

The proprietaries have the Washington profile on an oval with a very fine lathe-work background and there is a numeral of value in each upper corner. On the 1c, 2c and 5c there are curved bands following the oval on either side; that on the left reads "U. S. INTER. REV.", on the right "PROPRIETARY". The 3c, 6c and 10c have the curved band surrounding the portrait oval with "U. S. INTER. REV." above and "PROPRIETARY" below. On the 4c stamp "U. S. INTER. REV." is in a single curve above the oval and "PROPRIETARY" is in a double curve below. The 10c stamp has floral ornamentation and the numerals are shaded. On all the set the label of value is at the bottom, curved on the odd values, straight on the even values.

The 3c bears a colorless star for each of the thirteen original United States. Five are in the band on each side of the portrait oval, and three smaller ones are above it.

A study of the intricate lathe-work background in the portrait ovals will show that the dies from which the transfer rolls for these stamps were made were not the dies upon which the lathe-work was originally engraved. The lathe tool would cut the fine lines in the steel of a die block and thereby produce the pattern, but it could not cut away the spaces between the lines and leave the lines, and if an impression was taken from a die as engraved in the lathe, or from a plate made in the usual manner from a die so engraved, the fine lines of the pattern would be in color and the spaces between them would be colorless. But on the stamps it is the fine lines that are colorless while the spaces are in color, and this shows that the lathe-work pattern must have been engraved on a preliminary die and transferred directly to the die from which each plate was made. Lines cut in the preliminary die would not be depressed on the plate, would not retain the ink when in the press and would be colorless on the stamps. This holds true also with many of the early U. S. postage stamps and with paper currency, bank notes, etc. It is only reasonable to suppose the dies from which the transfer rolls were made were built up much as in the first issue.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

Issues of 1875-83,—How Used.

There were no changes in the tax schedules during the life of this issue. The only documentary tax was that requiring 2c on bank checks, etc., and the proprietary tax on medicines, perfumery, etc., remained 1c for each 25c retail value or fraction up to $1 and 2c additional for each 50c of retail value over $1. The playing card tax was 5c per pack of 52 cards or less. Packs containing over 52 cards—if there were any such—were probably taxed 10c. Matches required 1c per package of 100 or fraction thereof.

The quantity of private die stamps used during this period was enormous, yet many firms used the general stamps. From October 4, 1877, to June 10, 1882, the Internal Revenue office issued 149,114,884 documentary and general proprietary stamps and 661,662,052 private die proprietaries. This is a total of 810,776,936 stamps, having a face value exceeding ten million dollars. By far the great majority were 1c stamps, as the average value per stamp was only one and three-tenths cents.

Printed and hand-stamped cancellations on the proprietaries are common and some of these cancellations are very neat and attractive. One of the quaintest and most interesting is a playing card spade in black found on the 5c proprietary. The spade bears a colorless monogram consisting of a large "M" enclosing a small "V" and "E", and below it is the date. The initials stand for Victor E. Mauger, a playing card distributor, who also used a private die stamp and the over-print is somewhat similar to the monogram in the center of his (and also the Goodall) playing card stamp. Copies of this over-print seen were on watermarked paper with cancellation dated 1878. If actually cancelled in that year these 5c stamps would be National prints of the second set.

The 2c Bank Check exists imperforate and part perforate. The latter are always perforated vertically and imperforate horizontally. The genuine varieties are rare—only a very few pairs and blocks being known—but single copies with presentable margins are frequently seen, especially on watermarked paper. All the pairs and blocks are on silk paper and there is little chance that the watermarked singles are anything but perforated copies trimmed. Probably most of the singles on silk paper belong in the same category.

(*To be continued.*)

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—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from J. Rausch, Benj. Cadbury and Brig. Gen. Chas. A. Coolidge.

—The stamp papers offered by Chas. L. Widney were given to the library of the S. P. A. Unsuccessful applicants will please note this disposition.

—Maj. Warren L. Babcock, M. D., superintendent of Grace Hospital, Detroit, has arrived in Europe. He sailed August 14.

—A. E. Tuttle would like to know the name of the party in Rock Island, Ill., who sent him a want list and failed to sign his name to the same.

—According to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,* that old and stable philatelic journal, *The London Philatelist,* is in danger of suspension. As the official representative of the Royal Philatelic Society it has had a remarkable existence and for some twenty-five years has been the principle exponent of British philately. Mr. Bishop suggests the creation of an endowment fund that would assure the continuance of this publication.

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CENT DE PESO.—A value expressed upon many of the stamps of the Spanish Colonies and which was equal to the fifth part of an American cent.

CENTENARIO DA ABERTURA DOS PORTOS.—An inscription shown in minute letters around the date in the lower right corner of the special 100 reis stamp issued in Brazil in 1908 to mark the centenary of the opening of Brazilian ports to foreign commerce.

CENTENARIO DE JUAN PABLO DUARTE.—An inscription shown under the portrait of the stamps issued in the Dominican Republic in April, 1914, to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Juan Pablo Duarte.

CENTENARIO DE LA REVOLUCION DE JULIO.—The inscription shown on the four special stamps issued in Bolivia in July, 1909, to mark the hundredth anniversary of the revolution of July, 1809.

CENTENARIO DE LAS INSTRUCCIONES.—A surcharge applied to three low value stamps of Uruguay in April, 1913, to mark the centenary of the Instructions given to General Artigas to declare the Independence of Uruguay.

CENTENARIOS DE LA GUERRA DE INDEPENDENCIA.—This inscription appears on all the stamps issued in Bolivia in 1909 and 1910. These stamps were intended to commemorate the war of independence which lasted from 1809 until 1825.

CENTENARIO DE S. ANTONIO.—An overprint found upon certain Mozambique stamps used in the Portuguese colony of Inhambane in 1895. It signifies "Centenary of Saint Antonio."

CENTAVOS FUENTES.—The value of the Corrientes stamp issued in February, 1860. Three centavos fuentes were equal to 15 centimos or about 3c in United States currency.

CENTES.—A contraction for "centesimi," the value in which the stamps of Austrian Italy were expressed from 1850 until 1858. A hundred centesimi were equal to a lira, worth about 20c in American money.

CENTESIMO.—The value in which most of the stamps of Italy and Uruguay are expressed. In Italy 100 centesimi are equal to a lira (20c U. S.), while in Uruguay 100 centesimos are equal to a peso worth about $1.08 in American money.

CENTIME.—The stamps of France and its colonies, Belgium, Hayti, etc., are nearly all expressed in centimes. In the European countries where this value is used 100 centimes are equal to a franc with a nominal value of 20c in U. S. money. In Hayti there are centimes de gourde (paper money; the gourde though nominally equal to a dollar having an actual value of about 20c) and centimes de piastre. The piastre is fixed on a gold basis and is equal in value to the American dollar.

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CERTIFICADO.—(Registered). The inscription shown upon the Registration stamps of Salvador and the 8c value of the Aguinaldo stamps of the Philippines.

CEYLON.—An island and British Crown Colony at the southern extremity of India, with which country it is closely connected by a chain of sandbanks and reefs,—Adam's Bridge, so-called from the legend, still believed by Mohammedans, that Ceylon was the place provided for Adam and Eve on their expulsion from Paradise. It has an area of 25,332 square miles, and a population of nearly four millions. The majority of the inhabitants are Singhalese (Cingalese) in the south and Tamils in the north. Ceylon was well known in ancient times and has by some been supposed to be the Ophir of the Scriptures. The Romans called the island Tagrobane. The Singhalese, who had their own kings from 543 to 1815, attained an unusual degree of civilisation at a very early date, as may be evidenced from the sculpture, etc., in many ancient cities that are still in a remarkable state of preservation. In Anuradhapura is the sacred bo tree, which is the object of veneration to thousands of Buddhist pilgrims who believe it is a branch of the tree under which Gautawa, their great teacher, sat on the day he became a Buddha. The Portuguese appeared in Ceylon in 1506 and remained there until 1656, when they were expelled by the Dutch. In 1802 the island was made a Crown Colony of Great Britain in exchange for Java, which was conceded to the Dutch. The interior of the island, however, was still ruled by a descendant of the Kandyan kings, but in 1815 the whole island became a part of the British Empire by the desire of the Kandyans themselves. The island is administered by a Governor, assisted by an Executive Council of five members and a Legislative Council of eighteen members, in which the Governor and Executive Council are included. The first postage stamps for Ceylon were issued in 1855.

CHAD. — (See "Oubangui-Chari-Tchad".)

CHAHI.—The value in which most of the Persian stamps issued since 1885 are expressed. Prior to that date the coin was spelled "shahi". A chahi is the twentieth part of a kran and is worth about ½c in American money.

CHAIX, A., & Co.—A firm of printers in Paris who printed the stamps issued in Guatemala in January, 1878.

CHAKR.—A watermark found in the Siam stamps of the 1887 issue. It is a representation of a weapon which, with the kri, forms the royal crest. Its literal meaning is "a wheel" and it is a circular weapon which, like the boomerang, was supposed to return to the thrower after being hurled into the air.

CHALA.—An overprint found upon certain 5c and 10c stamps of Peru which, until recently, were considered to have been used provisionally in the small port of Chala, Arequipa, in 1885. Specialists are now inclined to think that the overprint is bogus or, at best, a cancellation.

CHALK-SURFACED PAPER.—Paper coated with a layer of glutinous material and a white dust which, when dry and polished, has a highly glazed surface of some delicacy. The surface of the paper is so sensitive that this coating forms an excellent safeguard against the fraudulent cleaning of stamps, any attempt at moving the cancellation resulting in the removal of the design as well. For this reason this paper was extensively used for some years in the production of British and British Colonial stamps. The name "chalk-surfaced" arose from the very general impression that chalk was the base used in obtaining the glazed surface. It has now been proved that artificial barium sulphate is more often used and paper treated with this salt will show a black mark if rubbed with a silver coin. True chalky paper will not show a mark if rubbed with silver but the term, though technically incorrect, has become so well established by custom that it is hardly likely to be changed now.

CHALON, ALBERT EDWARD.—An artist born at Geneva on February 15th, 1781. He painted the coronation portrait of Queen Victoria in her robes of State in 1837 and this portrait was reproduced on the early stamps of New Zealand. Chalon died in London on October 3rd, 1860.

CHAMBA.—A native State in the Punjab district of India having an area of 3,200 square miles and a population of about 140,000. Since 1886 the contemporary stamps of India, overprinted "CHAMBA STATE" have been used in this territory.

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CHAPTER XXXV.

Civil War Series—Arrangement on the Plates.

From the beginning of the Civil War general issue revenue stamps in 1862 until they went out of use in 1883 the size of nearly all the plates used for printing the stamps and the arrangement of the stamps of the same size and (or) denomination on the plates was, in general, the same. The private proprietaries of what may be termed the standard size were also similarly arranged. Most of the plates measured 12½ by 16 inches and the stamps were laid out with the long dimension of the plate either vertical or horizontal according to the size, shape and number of the stamps to go on the plate. The standard arrangement for nearly all the documentary stamps and the proprietaries from 1c to 10c was as follows:—

Long dimension of the plates horizontal.

3c to 20c, 17 across, 10 down	170
25c to 40c, 17 across, 6 down	102
50c to 70c, 17 across, 5 down	85
$1 to $1.90, 15 across, 6 down	90
$2 to $3.50, 12 across, 6 down	72
$5 Proprietary, 6 across, 3 down	18

Long dimension of the plates vertical.

1c and 2c, 14 across, 15 down	210
$5 and $10, 12 across, 6 down	72
$15 to $50, 9 across, 6 down	54
50c Proprietary, 7 across, 5 down	35
$1 Proprietary, 7 across, 5 down	35

The size and shape of the 1871 $200 and $500 documentary plates is not known but the sheets contained eight stamps and presumably were arranged four across by two down. The $200 first issue also came in sheets of eight but was arranged in two vertical rows of four.

On page 25 of the Boston Book the arrangement of the 1c and 2c first issue is given as 21 rows of ten, but this layout cannot have been used on any plates measuring 12½ by 16 inches. All 1c and 2c sheets seen by the present writer were laid out 14 by 15. The Boston Book also states that some of the early plates contained only 180 or 195 stamps and that these were for the 1c and 2c Proprietary and the 2c Bank Check. If so, the arrangement was probably 15 down and 12 or 13 across, with the long dimension of the plate vertical.

The plates for the first issue were not numbered serially and in the usual sense of the term have no plate numbers. Instead, the plates bear an index letter and a value number which always corresponds to the denomination of the stamps on the plate. Each title had a letter assigned to it; that for Proprietary being "A", Charter Party "D", Conveyance "M", etc. Control index "100 M" is therefore the "plate number" for the $1.00 Conveyance. "4A" is the 4c Proprietary, "500D" is the $5.00 Charter Party, etc., and if there had been a $5 Proprietary in the first issue its control index would have been "500A".

This system is puzzling to collectors who do not understand its principle, as it is possible to have several—even as many as eleven—different stamps that bear what seems to be the same plate number. On the plates where the denomination number comes below one stamp (X) and the index letter happens to come below the adjoining stamp (Y), if these two stamps are separate the stamp X will show what one would naturally suppose to be a complete plate number. If pairs of each of the 50c titles bearing plate number controls were so separated the result in the case of the X stamps would be ten different stamps all with the same plate number—50! This peculiarity has occasionally misled collectors into thinking that the same plate had been used to print different stamps. A few of the early plates do not bear the letters which were assigned to their titles after the system was fully developed and there is evidence that after April 30, 1864, the system was not continued on all new plates.

The plates of the 1871-75 series were numbered serially except the $200 and $500 documentary and the 50c, $1 and $5 Proprietary, which bore no plate numbers.

The National Bank Note Co. plates of the 1875 series were also numbered serially in the usual manner. The Boston Book gives plates No. 2 and No. 14 for the 2c documentary and the writer has also seen this stamp on silk paper with plate No. 15. Assuming 50,000 impressions as the life of each plate there would have been required from 1875 to 1883 some 25 plates for the 1c Proprietary, 7 plates for the 2c, 3 plates for the 3c, and 5 plates for the 4c, but only one plate each for the 5c, 6c and 10c.

Plates made by the Bureau for both general issues and private die stamps had horizontal and vertical guide lines and so far as the writer knows these lines were not placed on any plates by either the National or the American Bank Note Companies. Stamps showing guide lines therefore are believed to have been printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and these have been found on the 2c documentary, perforated and rouletted, the 1c proprietary, perforated and rouletted, and the 2c, 3c, 4c and 10c proprietary, perforated. It is possible that guide lines were added by the Bureau to plates used by it which had been engraved by the Bank Note Companies, so it is not absolutely certain that all stamps with guide lines were printed from plates engraved by the Bureau. It seems quite probable that some plates for the 2c documentary and the 1c and 2c proprietary were made by the American Bank Note Co.

The quantities of stamps issued indicate the number of plates made by the Bureau did not exceed 8 for the 2c documentary, 10 for the 1c proprietary, 3 for the 2c proprietary, 1 for the 3c proprietary and 2 for the 4c stamp.

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Book—From Mr. Israel Prager, Springfield, Mass., we have received the following edifying comment: "Of great interest to philatelists is a chapter entitled 'War Postage Stamps,' in 'Chats on Military Curios,' by Stanley C. Johnson (F. A. Stokes Company, New York). The author describes the origin of war postage stamps in the sixteenth century, 'their originator being a certain Johann von Taxis, who obtained permission to carry letters from civilians in Germany to members of a German expeditionary force then fighting in Italy. The frank marks applied to the correspondence entrusted to him constitute the first war postage stamps of which we have any record.' The book contains interesting photographs of censored entires, relics of former wars of Great Britain, including both cards and envelopes. One envelope lacks a stamp, in place of which is the inscription by the sender: 'Stamps not procurable; On Active Service.' Concerning this Mr. Johnson writes: 'The bulk of the letters reached England with no adhesive stamp, the words, On Active Service, etc., proving a sufficient passport in cases where supplies were genuinely unprocurable.' The article contains illustrations of the more important cancellations of war stamps and closes the chapter with some valuable advice to collectors on purchasing stamps of which forgeries are known to exist."

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Special—Speaking of war stamps reminds us that our attention has been directed to a statement in Ambassador Gerard's account in the Philadelphia *Public Ledger* of his experiences in Germany. In the chapter on prison camps, conditions at Ruhleben are described and reference made to the "adaptabilities" there. After detailing some of the educational advantages offered, Mr. Gerard mentions a postal service with special stamps that enabled a prisoner to write to a comrade in another barracks and rely upon the delivery of the letter by the camp overseers. We can imagine that a means of postal communication of this kind dignified by the use of special stamps is a comfort and a convenience.

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Off—Just as we begin to think that we are inculcating a proper regard for stamp collecting in the minds of the unphilatelic populace, some recalcitrant uprises and uses fair Philatelia as the target of verbal slings and arrows. Several correspondents have informed us of the sacrilegious conduct of the Japanese gentleman, quoted in the *Literary Digest* for September 15th, in the course of the review, "The Foolish Cult of the Japanese Print." Particularly, Mabel Macferran, Philadelphia, addresses us in fetching phrase: "Doubtless some other subscribers have noticed the highly seasoned reference to our hobby. This terrible blow seems to be dealt by a man who has some knowledge (though no appreciation) of philately, as further along in his tirade the gentleman refers to the price of a first issue British Guiana, albeit frowningly. I send you this note as positive proof that there is yet much missionary work to be done in the philatelic line." Here is the indictment of the gentle pursuit: "He therefore sees print-collecting 'degenerated to the level of stamp collecting—that strange manifestation of the acquisitive instinct in man that ranks him only a little higher than the jackdaws! * * * Such a price as 75 sovereigns seems to me almost as preposterous as paying the same amount for a stamp of—let us say—the first issue of British Guiana." Malcolm H. Ganser of Norristown, Pa., surmises that the Japanese gentleman may not know more about prints than he does stamps. This "jackdaw" classification is "too crewel," indeed, and we shall let others regulate the conduct of the world hereafter, as we are a-weary of the job of cosmic custodian.

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Paged—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who pasted newspaper clippings about stamp collecting all over the inside covers of his album? Is this o. f. c. lamenting the disappearance of paper collars with the old-fashioned dealer who said that he did not want his customers to join stamp societies because they would learn how to buy stamps at prices lower than those charged by him?

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Noted—It is unusual for our post office department to notice officially the stamp issues of any other country, and the following departmental order issued from Washington under date of September 18th, 1917, is the graceful exception, "The postal administration of Canada has advised this Department that said administration issued on the 15th instant a special three-cent postage stamp to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of confederation and that said stamp is permanently valid for the prepayment of postage. Postmasters and other postal officials will please take due notice of the foregoing. Otto Praeger, Second Ass't P. M. Gen." It is becoming increasingly necessary for the postal employee to have a knowledge of stamps and it is not an extravagant prophecy to say that the time will come when he will consider a collection of "foreign and domestic stamps" one of the tools of his trade.

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Barter—Our old friend, Edward F. Carter, advertises that he has "just traded two hogs for ten sheets of doubles," meaning the errors. In these days of hog supremacy, it is gratifying to know that staple as hogs are, stamps have the call. Hogs are twenty cents a pound or better, and even though hogs that enjoyed the hospitality of the Carter domains must have weighed more than three hundred pounds each on the hoof, yet the astute Mr. Carter knew what he was doing. We trust that our hero will find his speculation a profitable one, even though his hogs were the fattest "in Epicurus' sty."

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Contributed—A reader says: "Your invitation to name the stamp that stands forth most prominently in mind throughout the vista of the years is a good idea. I retain in memory, never to be effaced, the picture of the two grana, 1858, Two Sicilies, with its picture of the wonderful coat-of-arms, which cost me in the seventies, one cent. O, the mystery and fascination of the three legs in action and even now my jaded emotions are quickened a bit when I remember how, solitarily, I studied and gloated over the wonderful creation. Yes, I have been a surgeon for many years and perhaps predestination was indicated by the charm that the anatomical vagary held for me." Another correspondent writes "My boyish fancy was most enthralled by the one real red, first issue of Salvador, which was given me by a boy whose mother got a letter from San Salvador, on which there are a number of the stamps in question. I can always see that stamp in my mind's eye."

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The surcharge means "Stamp Judicial of 10 Lepta." The word "lepton" is written with omega (the long "o"), this being the genitive plural form instead of the usual nominative plural "lepta." The singular form is written with the short "o" as in English.

While the Greek Revolution has come to a successful end and King Constantine has been dethroned, and while the provisional government of Salonica is out of existence and the several parts of Greece are united, the post office at Salonica not only continues the use of stamps of the provisional government type, but also uses the stamps of that period which were overprinted for judicial affairs.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—H. E. Harris, Baltimore, Md., reports upon John Obert, formerly of Andover, N. J., but now residing at Delaware Water Gap, Pa., that he has no fewer than three complaints against this party. Make a note of the name and address.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Chas. F. Beadle, O. Kendall, Malcolm H. Ganser, Jas. D. Havens, H. C. Barr, and Herman W. Boers.

—B. H. Dayton, 421 Hamilton St., Albany, N. Y., can get no replies to letters sent the Blue Grass Stamp Co., Winchester, Ky. If you are similarly situated, write Mr. Dayton.

—I. B. Robinson, 52 Quincy Pl. N. W., Washington, D. C., has a file of the WEEKLY from March 16, 1912, to Sept. 15, 1917, in good condition that he will send to someone who will pay express charges. Preference will be given to a stamp society.

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(This clipping is taken from the Buffalo, N. Y., Courier. As we have previously printed news matter dealing with the case under consideration so we print this item showing some further developments in connection with the disposition of the famous million dollar Worthington collection.—Ed.)

George H. Worthington's million-dollar stamp collection is still in the legal limelight.

After being apparently settled in supreme court action brought some time ago by Mrs. Alice F. Halladay of No. 469 Delaware avenue to have determined her equity in the collection, another action appears to be pending, inasmuch as an order has recently been granted to serve summons and complaint by publication in an action in which Mrs. Halladay makes Harrison B. McGraw of Cleveland and Warren H. Colson defendants.

Mr. McGraw, who was a defendant in the former action, is sued as assignee for the benefit of creditors of Mr. Worthington.

Interest of the parties in these three separate items is to be determined by the new action:

First—an item of $101,310.41 deposited in the Bankers' Trust Co. of Buffalo to the credit of Judge Daniel J. Kenefick and Wallace Thayer as trustees;

Second—Certain stamps in the possession of Mr. Colson valued at $55,000.

Third—An item of $31,868.41 received by Mr. Colson, according to Mrs. Halladay's claim, from the sale of a portion of the stamp collection.

Although when the action was contemplated, the proceedings were supposed to be friendly, some friction appears to have developed, for Mrs. Halladay's lawyer, it is said, had difficulty in getting Mr. McGraw's attorney to accept service of notice and had to resort to special term order of publication, which will be supplemented by mailing copy of the summons and complaint to Mr. McGraw in Cleveland.

Mrs. Halladay's original interest in the Worthington stamp collections developed when she loaned Mr. Worthington some valuable securities, which he deposited as collateral to meet financial obligations. His affairs, however, did not improve, and eventually there was an assignment for the benefit of creditors. In the meantime, Mrs. Halladay had taken as security for her loan a lien on the collection, and had actual possession of many of the famous stamps.

Her claim to these stamps was disputed by the assignee and others, and she brought her original action, which resulted in a judgment in her favor.

The new action is brought to determine the interest of herself and others in the proceeds realized from the sale of some of the stamps and to another portion remaining unsold. The case will be tried here some time this winter.

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TAX PAIDS—ONCE MORE.

By E. D. Swartout.

The interesting article in Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News (Sept. 8, 1917), by Mr. Hart, brings up many pleasant hours spent in the interesting sideline of Tax Paids. I, also, am very much interested in the tax paids, and one line on which the article did not touch, was the U. S. Customs. The customs on Imported Cigars, where the serial numbers and names of different transports and ocean going boats are printed, makes an interesting study.

Then there are the common 10 and 20 cigarette stamps (collected by districts and factory numbers, and one for every month, which law the factory must comply with), make a fine little sideline. The large white and black stamps (U. S. Customs) from Tampa, Fla., are of interest.

Take the Cuban, Porto Rico and Philippine tax paids, while plain, have a field by themselves. The barrel of 100 gal. spirits contains 3 different stamps, one for the 100 gals., 1 for the customs, and 1 for the warehouse, which goes to show what a large field there is to be covered.

More attention should be paid this interesting sideline. Tax paids deserve a place in the catalogue as well as the other revenues, and the Match and Medicines. Can we not have more interest worked up in them and give them their place in the light?

PHILADELPHIA SEASON OPENER.

September 18, the Philadelphia Stamp Club held a most successful meeting. In the absence of the president, E. L. Green, R. B. Smith of Norristown presided. Invitations had been sent to each club member, also other prominent collectors, announcing an informal auction sale, refreshments, and a contest. The subject of the contest was not announced. Nearly 100 were present.

The auction sale of one hundred lots with James Whiteside as auctioneer consumed only 56 minutes. The refreshments, which were ample, were appreciated, and during this informal part of the meeting good fellowship prevailed. There were stories and jokes, and George Roberts of Sharon Hill was a past master at the art.

The contest consisted of the naming of twelve coats of arms of South and Central American countries. The room was darkened and the arms of each country flashed on the screen for two minutes, when the lights were put on for one minute to enable each person to write down the name of the country. There were ten prizes for the best average of answers:—A 5c error by Mr. Mann; blank albums; pocket stock books; other stamps, and a sealed "pig in the poke" prize by Mr. Wolsieffer.

There was only one perfect list, by Mr. Leupold, who selected the 5c error. The other nine prize winners fought shy of the Wolsieffer prize until Mr. Pierce of Camden offered to take a chance on "P. M.'s" contribution. Instead of finding a cheap stamp, he was rewarded with a very fine copy of No. 2a Colombian Republic 1859 issue, catalogued $4.

Mr. Wolsieffer guaranteed on the envelope that the prize would catalog at least 2c, and he made good. It is unusual for a stamp club to have so well attended and enthusiastic a meeting thus early in the season, and it shows what can be done if the members get out, hustle, and make it an object to attend. The auction sales and contests have always been a feature of P. S. C. meetings. The Club meets the first Friday and third Tuesday in each month. The City Press Assn. had reporters present, and notices appeared in the daily press the next morning.

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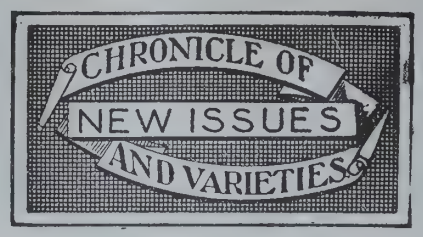
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30c ON WATERMARKED PAPER.

By H. F. Colman.

I notice in your chronicle of new issues that the 30c has appeared on unwatermarked paper. I took this matter up with the Post Office Department and they informed me that their stock of 30c stamps printed on watermarked paper perf. 10 was so large that it lasted over the period in which stamps were printed perf. 10 on unwatermarked paper, so that the records show that none of these stamps have been issued thus. I am under the impression that the stamp does not exist perf. 10 on unwatermarked paper. If there were no 30c stamps printed until after all the wheels had been changed from 10 to 11, it would be an impossibility to find them perf. 10 on unwatermarked paper. The chances are somebody has gotten hold of some sheets where the watermark is very indistinct. It is almost impossible to tell the last printings on watermarked paper, whether they are watermarked or unwatermarked. I have had plenty of sheets myself where I could tear out a block of eight, even with a margin, and it would be impossible to see any trace of watermark.



Information regarding varieties and new issues gratefully received. Address PERCY McG. MANN, 720 Liberty Bldg., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents. Numbers in parentheses indicate the previous issue of the WEEKLY in which information germane to the subject was published.

United States.—We are thankful to Mr. Joseph Demers for the privilege of inspecting a vertical pair of 12c perf. 10 unwatermarked stamps, in a deep maroon color, imperforate (with the exception of one hole at the right) between. This, of course, is an error of perforation, and this particular pair may prove to be unique. One of the horizontal rows of perforations failed to perforate for exactly ten holes, the "break" extending one hole to the adjoining vertical pair of stamps to the left.

Mr. Demers also shows us another vertical pair imperforate between, except for three holes at the right. In this instance, also, the "break" covers ten holes, and the adjoining vertical pair of stamps at the left have three holes missing at the right.

Is it possible that some one else has found the perforation break on these stamps, or on some other denominations? It may have occurred with the ten holes missing exactly between two stamps.

Antigua.—(1391)—(See "Dominica," in this issue.)—Although ½d stamps overprinted "WAR STAMP" in red were shipped to this Colony from England on May 25th, for some reason the sale of the new printing has been postponed, states *Ewen's Weekly*. Does not the official notice, as mentioned under "Dominica" this week, cover the matter? If the rule enforcing the use of these stamps lapsed on March 31st, why issue the stamps?

Canada.—(1387)—Thanks to Mr. O. Kendall, we are in receipt of the 3c Commemorative stamp (issued in Winnipeg on Sept. 14). The stamp is issued to commemorate the semi-centennial of the formation of the Canadian Confederation, and it bears, as the chief part of its design, a miniature engraving of Harris E. Plinting's painting, "Fathers of Confederation." An illustration of this painting was shown in the Weekly for September 15th.

The new stamp is handsome in design and construction, and the only fault to be found with it is that there is nothing on it to indicate what the picture in the center is. At the top the words "Canada Postage" and "Three Cents" appear in two slightly curved lines, ends downward, with "1867" in the upper left and "1917" in the upper right corners; numerals "3" appear at either side with a torch above and maple leaves below, and the word "Confederation" is at the bottom.

The new stamps are printed in sheets of two hundred and are divided into four post office panes of fifty each—with fourteen straight edge stamps to each pane of fifty—five by ten.

(1391)—The plate number on the new stamps that we have seen is "Ottawa—No. A3."

Copies of the new stamp have also been shown us by Messrs. B. H. Drake, Eugene Klein, Gladstone Perry, Harold M. Drown, J. B. Oullet, Herman W. Boers and E. H. Paterson.

Commemorative Adhesive.
3c deep brown.

The following reprint of a clipping kindly supplied by Messrs. O. Kendall and G. A. Hall will interest many of our readers who collect the sidelines of philately:

"Ottawa, Sept. 15.—The minister of finance announces that an issue of war savings stamps is in course of preparation. These stamps will be used in connection with a plan to interest those who are able to save only in small amounts in the purchase of war savings certificates.

"Special war savings cards will be issued with squares, upon which the stamps purchased from time to time may be placed. When all the squares are filled the card may be taken to the post office and exchanged for a war savings certificate. The stamps will be in the denomination of 25 cents and the cards will contain spaces for 34 of them and one 10-cent postage stamp, making altogether $8.60, and when filled will be exchanged for a certificate entitling the holder to $10 at the end of three years."

Chile.—The *Revista Filatelica de Chile* chronicles the 15c produced by lithography. This adds a value to the series produced by the Dujardin printing machine in use at the Santiago stamp factory. Although the basis of the production is by lithography, the original design being engraved on stone, that is, for the frames of these stamps, we believe a new name for the productions should be created, so that the statement that a stamp is produced by lithography will mean, as it has always meant, that it was printed direct from the stone. We suggest the words "offsetography," "rotography" (but this should mean exclusively recess-printing from rotary plates, and should be applied to the present coil stamps issued by the United States, although we believe the centers of the current Chilian stamps are produced by this method), or "dujardinography." The first word, "offsetography," seems to fill the bill.

The 1c and 2c produced by the new method are listed in Scott's Catalogue for 1917. The 10c was listed in their September 1916 *Circular*, the 4c, 5c and 20c in their November issue and the 8c, 30c and 50c in the February, 1917, issue. We also chronicled some of these denominations, if not all. A list to date, therefore, is as follows:

Adhesives.
1915-1917. Perf. 13½x14½.
Typographed.
1c dull green. 4c brown.
2c red. 8c slate.
Engraved.
5c blue.
Typographed and Engraved.
10c blue & blk. 30c brown & blk.
15c violet & blk. 50c green & blk.
20c orange & blk.

There are many shades of most all values. The portrait on the new 15c is that of Don Jose Joaquin Prieto.

Cuba.—(1394)—There is a reason for most things, and we wondered what the reason was for the Cuban Government to demonetize the stamps of the Map design of 1914; the contents of the decree thus demonetizing these stamps having been published in our Chronicle of September 15th. Our wondering has ceased, thanks to our kind correspondent, Mr. John S. Otero, who enlightens us in regard to the matter.

A stamp tax went into effect on September 1st and the denizens of the Cuban republic have to pay a tax on drafts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and any contracts, private or public.

The plates of the Map stamp design are being used for the printing of revenue stamps, which are produced in sheets of 400, each stamp overprinted "TIMBRE OFICIAL" in two lines. These stamps are rouletted, instead of perforated, as were the postage stamps produced from these plates. We do not know the denominations of the revenue stamps thus produced, and it is not part of this department to chronicle foreign revenue stamps, although we give the information for reference because the old postage plates were afterward used for revenue stamp purposes.

Dominica.—(1391)—According to an official notice, reprinted in *Ewen's Weekly*, we note that the rule charging a tax of ½d on letters from Antigua, St. Kitts-Nevis, and Dominica, went into effect on September 1st, 1916, and was in force until March 31st, 1917, only. The tax was only on letters within the British Empire.

Great Britain.—(1393)—*Stamp Collecting* states that the "QNE" variety recently announced, chronicled by us on Sept. 8th, differs from the same variety which appeared two years ago. The scratch on the plate being practically vertical from the bottom of "O" in "ONE" to the line below. It comes from the fourth row from the top, right hand corner of the sheet, but our contemporary does not give the plate number. The same publication mentions another variety: A malformed numeral "1" in the lower left corner, which has quite a broad serif on the left side of its base, so that it appears almost as a reversed "L." The variety exists only in Booklet No. 59, in which it is the first stamp of the second row.

(1385)—*Ewen's Weekly* lists another new shade of the 1½d, also two new shades of the 2d.

(1393)—Watermark varieties of the new printings of the 5sh have appeared, according to our contemporary quoted above.

Adhesives.
1½d yellow-brown.
2d intense yellow-orange.
2d deep red-orange.
5sh carmine-red (aniline), no wmk.
5sh carmine-red (aniline), wmk. inverted.

Stamp Collecting states that new varieties now appearing show that a new die has been cut for the ½d value of the current series. The following is a description of a means to distinguish the new die: 1. White squares at sides of Crown, above the words "Postage" and "Revenue." 2. The forehead and nose are white. 3. A considerable portion of

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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the neck is quite unshaded. 4. There are no lines of shading in the tail and in the left fin of the dolphin on the right.

Is it not possible that this is only a worn plate?

HAYTI.—(1394)—Varieties of the 1c provisional stamp, which was chronicled in our issue of Sept. 15th, have come to our notice as follows: A doubling of the deep blue overprint caused by a "jump" of the handstamp by which it was applied; three bars instead of two under "ct." on a copy with the gray-blue overprint.

PARAGUAY.—A new series of postage stamps have been or are about to be issued for this South American Republic. Each value will have a different portrait, as follows, according to the *Revista Filatelica de Chile:*

1c, Dr. Emilio Aceval; 2c, Dr. Eusebio Ayala; 3c, Dr. Benigno Ferreyra; 5c, Dr. Fabio Queirolo; 8c, Dr. Juan A. Escurra; 10c, Dr. Cecilio Baez; 20c, Don Juan B. Gaona; 40c, Don Albino Jara; 60c, Dr. Adolfo Riquelme; 80c, Dr. Manuel Gondra; 1p, Dr. J. Zubizarreta, and 3p, Dr. L. Rojas.

RUSSIA.—(1391)—A correspondent writing to *Stamp Collecting* states that there are two varieties of the postal card with overprint of crossed swords and liberty cap, one of which we listed in our Chronicle of August 25th. A postal card without stamp has been also overprinted with the same device, as well as the postal card issued for prisoners of war. This correspondent emits surprise that the postage stamps were also overprinted, and he states, "All these overprints were made at the request of some 'extremists', they are *not* official, and can only be regarded as a line of topical stationery or souvenirs." We prefer to think that the various items with this overprint were sold for the benefit of charity, as previously announced.

By the way, we have forgotten to state that the overprint is placed in the center of a block of four stamps, and not on each stamp separately.

Postal Cards.

4k red on buff, overprint over stamp.
4k red on buff, overprint at the left.
No value, overprint at the left.

Prisoner of War Postal Card.

No value, overprint at the right.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS.—See "Antigua" and "Dominica" in this issue.

SALVADOR.—(1391)—The *Revista Filatelica de Chile* chronicles other values of the new series, which we chronicled on August 25th.

(1394)—The same publication states that the entire series has been overprinted "OFICIAL" for the use of the government. We chronicled the 17c on Sept. 15th.

Adhesives.

10c dark brown. 50c pearl gray.
25c dark brown.

Official Stamps.

1c green. 12c violet.
2c vermilion. 25c dark brown.
5c dark blue. 29c black.
6c purplish-blue. 50c pearl gray.
10c dark brown.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—(1384)—On July 7th we listed two new war stamps for these Colonies, and these will be known as the 3rd local issue, and not to be confused with the 4th local issue chronicled last week. This introduces what we wish to chronicle. The 3rd local issue was overprinted on two shades of the ½d and one shade of the 1d. One of the ½d and the 1d were on medium paper with white gum and watermark opaque, while the other ½d was on thin paper with yellow gum and transparent watermark. We therefore beg to list:

War Tax Stamps.

3rd local issue.

½d yellow-green, thin paper.
½d deep green, medium paper.
1d scarlet, medium paper.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—*Stamp Collecting* for Sept. 1st, mentions the receipt from a correspondent of the current 3d purple on yellow, on a new colored paper, and with *single-line* instead of comb perforation.

Is it possible that all the engraved stamps of the British Colonies, supplied by the Colonial Office, are to have new perforations? We have not seen the new Turks & Caicos Islands 3d as mentioned above, but there is a possibility, we surmise, that it is perforated 14½ instead of the old 14. For this surmise we direct our readers to the announcement of the new Bahamas special delivery stamp chronicled on July 21, which was perforated 14½ instead of the 14 of the earlier stamps of the same type. We will have further investigations to report on in the near future.

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Sept. 18th, 1917.

The 388th (regular) meeting of the Society was held this evening. After the usual business Mr. John N. Morse exhibited some of his "War Post Cards." These were very interesting, and Mr. Morse was given a vote of thanks for his kindness in coming to entertain the members at very short notice, there not being time between the time of asking him to come and the meeting for him to arrange them to his own satisfaction. There were 26 members and one visitor present. Ransom W. Stiles was elected to junior membership. The application of Mr. Geo. R. Kimball for non-resident membership and of Richard J. Harrison for junior membership were posted.

Mr. Russell, the Treasurer, stated that the number of members who had not yet paid their dues was unusually large, and urged all those who had not yet paid to do so immediately. Prompt payment on the part of those in arrears will enable him to meet current expenses without drawing on "interest-bearing money."

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331	13c deep blue-green†	.30	.20
323a	1c blk. of 4, 2½ mm. space	.20	.15
323a	1c pair, 2½ mm. space	.10	.08
324a	2c blk. of 4, 2½ mm. space	.32	.20
324a	2c line block of four	..	.30
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335	2c carmine	.06	.01
335	2c blk. of 4, 2 mm. space	.24	.27
335	2c blk. of 4, 3 mm. space	.24	.19
335a	2c block of 4, 2 mm. space	.32	.36
335a	2c block of 4, 3 mm. space	.32	.24
	1910 Issue. (Single line wmk.)		
338	1c block of 4, 2 mm. space	.12	.23
338	1c block of 4, 3 mm. space	.12	.15
339	2c carmine	.05	.04
339	2c block of 4, 3 mm. space	.20	.19
340	3c violet	.06	.05
340a	3c deep lilac	.10	.08
342	5c blue	.10	.08
338c	1c hor. coil	1.00	.20
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338d	1c line strip of four	..	.19
340c	3c hor. coil perf. 8½	.12	.06
340c	Ditto pair	.24	.12
340c	Ditto strip of four	.48	.25
340c	Ditto paste-up strip of 4	..	.50
	1912 Issue.		
355	1c green†	.02	.02
356	2c carmine†	.04	.04
356a	2c **carmine** imp. pr. Gib.	.38	.20
356a	2c block of four, Gib.	.75	.40
355b	1c paste-up strip of 4	..	.18
	1912 Issue. (San Francisco.)		
352	2c carmine†	.04	.04
	1914 Issue. (Perf. 10.)		
369	1c green†	.02	.02
370	2c **carmine** blk. of four	.16	.19
370	2c **deep carmine** ditto	.16	.19
370a	2c **carmine-rose** ditto	.16	.19
370b	2c **rose-red** ditto	.16	.19
370c	2c **red** block of four	.16	.19
370g	2c **rose** block of four	..	.19
371	3c deep violet	.05	.05
371	3c block of four	.20	.18
372	4c brown	.07	.06
372	4c block of four	.28	.28
373	5c blue	.08	.07
373	5c block of four	.32	.30
377	9c salmon†	.14	.12
378	10c yellow†	.15	.13
378a	11c block of four	.64	.60
379	12c block of four	.72	.65
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370fR	2c Rotary hor. coil pair	..	.08
370fR	Ditto strip of four	..	.16
	1916 Issue. (No wmk., perf. 10.)		
	4c brown†	..	.05
	8c light olive†	..	.10
	15c gray†	..	.18
	1c Rotary hor. coil pair	..	.04
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	1917 Issue. (Perf. 11.)		
	1c green†	..	.02
	2c rose†	..	.03
	2c pale rose†	..	.03
	3c lavender	..	.05
	3c red lilac	..	.05
	3c dull violet	..	.05
	4c brown†	..	.06
	4c yellow-brown†	..	.06
	5c blue†	..	.07
	5c rose+2c rose	..	3.54
	6c orange†	..	.08
	8c light olive†	..	.10
	10c dull orange-yellow	..	.15
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ADAMS & COMPANY EXPRESS.— This company, while affiliated with the express business of Adams & Company of the Atlantic Coast, was operated solely and entirely on the Pacific Coast. It was entirely separate and distinct as to management and capital and was originally founded in 1849. In 1854 stamps of the value of 25c were issued and these were used not only in payment of the charges on letters, but also as currency. They were redeemable at any of the Company's offices in California and Oregon at 25c each, and it was expressly impressed on employes that they were to try and persuade purchasers wishing to buy checks for small sums to use the stamps instead. There were several different varieties and also a special stamp, without indication of value, for use on newspapers. The company ceased to operate in 1855, when a financial panic in San Francisco forced it to close its doors.

ADAMS CITY EXPRESS POST.— A local post operating in New York about 1850, regarding which no authentic information is known. It was probably connected with the well known express firm of Adams and Company, and some of the stamps issued in connection with it are said to have been used from Boston and Philadelphia, as well as New York.

AMERICAN LETTER MAIL COMPANY. — A local post established in 1844 by Lysander Spooner, and operating between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other points. Two types of stamps were issued in connection with this post, one being without value and the other being inscribed "20 for a dollar."

BAKER'S CITY EXPRESS POST.— A local post presumed to have operated from Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1849, in connection with which a special 2c stamp was issued. No definite information is known concerning this post.

BARNARD'S CARIBOO EXPRESS. —A local post of British Columbia, in connection with which stamps of several types without indication of value were issued. This post is included among the local posts of the United States from the fact that the company maintained an office in San Francisco.

BARNARD'S CITY LETTER EXPRESS.—A local post established at Boston, Mass., in 1845 by Morris H. Barnard. Its headquarters were at 47 Cambridge Street, and the two stamps issued in connection therewith are great rarities.

BARR'S PENNY DISPATCH. — A local post established by Elias Barr at Lancaster, Pa., in 1855, in connection with which stamps were issued.

BLIZZARD MAIL.—On March 12th, 1888, a severe snowstorm and blizzard tied up traffic in New York and vicinity pretty completely, and for the four days following little mail left Bayonne, N. J. In this emergency Dr. W. H. Mitchell and Mr. A. W. Seward of the latter city established a temporary service for the dispatch of important mail to New York. Each morning from March 12th to 16th they sent a special messenger on the steamer Chancellor of the Jersey Central Railroad from Bergen Point, Bayonne, to New York with mail. About 500 letters were carried by this service at a special charge of 5c each in addition to the regular government 2c stamp. A stamp was prepared for the prepayment of this special charge, this showing, in the center, the arms of the State of New Jersey, with the inscription, "Blizzard Mail to" above, "N. Y. P. O." below, "FIVE" at left, and "CENTS" at right.

BOUTON'S CITY DISPATCH POST. —A local post organised in New York City in 1847 by John Bouton, in connection with which special two cent stamps were issued. Other stamps inscribed "Bouton's Manhattan Express," and "Franklin City Despatch Post," respectively, were issued by the same post, these evidently referring to branches covering different sections of the city. The business and assets of the Post were sold to Swarts late in 1850 or early in 1851.

BOUTON'S MANHATTAN EXPRESS.—(See "Bouton's City Dispatch Post.")

BOYCE'S CITY EXPRESS POST.— A local post operating from New York City, in connection with which a special 2c stamp was issued. Little reliable information seems to be known about this Post.

Aangebragt per Land-Mail. Te betalen port . . . duiten. BATAVIA.— An inscription shown on a plain label said to have been used as a postage due stamp in the Dutch Indies in 1845-6. Another, and slightly larger label of the same period, has the word "duiten" replaced by "koper." A free translation of the first quoted inscription is "Delivered by land post. Postage payable . . . duiten." A duit (plural "duiten") was a Dutch coin in use at that time, having a value of about one-fourth an American cent. "Koper" means "copper" or "copper coin" and was a term commonly used instead of duit, as this small coin was made of copper.

Although these labels are listed in Scott's Catalogue as stamps, it seems very doubtful that they can be considered postage due stamps in the sense we now understand the term. There were no regular postage stamps for the Dutch Indies until some twenty years after the issue of these labels. At that early period, even in the case of countries using adhesive postage stamps, prepayment of postage was usually not obligatory and, in some instances, was not even usual. Consequently, when postage was paid in cash, letters were marked "paid," while if postage was to be collected on delivery some mark to show this and also the amount to be collected was applied. As a rule, hand stamps were applied, and it is quite conceivable that these Dutch Indies labels were used as a more ready means of distinctly marking "collect" letters, and also, perhaps, as a simple way of keeping the post office accounts relating to unpaid letters.

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Continental Printings.

A new contract for the printing of United States stamps was placed for four years with the Continental Bank Note Co. of New York, commencing May 1, 1873.

By order of the Post Office Department, the designs as used for the 1870 series were retained in use. Considerable criticism of the poor quality of the National Bank Note Company's work was current at the time, and rather than risk the possibility of being held responsible for work performed by the previous printers, the Continental Company decided to add certain secret marks to the stamps, so that they could identify their work.

These secret marks were so cleverly added that they did not detract from the designs in any way, and, in fact, were not discovered by philatelists until 1895, when the difference in the 12c stamp came to light. Close examination soon revealed the marks on all of the other values excepting the 24c, 30c and 90c. It is believed that no new plates for these values were made by the Continental Company, though evidence exists that the dies were retouched.

Since some of the secret marks bother the amateur, we will describe them in detail.

On the 1c a small curved line has been added to the pearl at the left of the numeral "1".

The 2c, which is the hardest of the series to distinguish, bears a small diagonal line under the scroll at the left of "U. S. Postage." This variety may best be found under a magnifying glass.

The 3c can readily be distinguished, for heavy shading has been added to the lower part of the tail of the left ribbon, under the word "three."

The first four vertical lines of shading in the tail of the left ribbon under the word "six" have been strengthened on the 6c.

On the 7c a very small semi-circle has been added around each end of the lines surrounding the ball at the lower right corner.

A small semi-circle has been added in the scroll at the right end of the upper label bearing the inscription "U. S. Postage" on the 10c value.

The balls of the figure "2" are crescent shape instead of round on the 12c denomination.

Two lines have been strengthened in the lower part of the triangle in the upper left corner of the 15c stamp, forming a "V."

The Continental printings of the 24c, 30c and 90c stamps can only be distinguished from the National printings by the shades and also by the paper, though this latter difference requires considerable study.

The 24c stamp was printed in bluish purple and deep bluish purple.

The 30c stamp was printed in grayish black and greenish black.

The 90c stamp was printed in pale and bright rose carmine.

These three values are hard for the amateur collector to determine, but comparison readily discloses the differences.

The entry of the United States into the treaty with the foreign nations, forming the Universal Postal Union, in 1875, made the use of the 7c, 12c and 24c values almost unnecessary, and they were discontinued soon after that date. The remainders on hand were destroyed in 1885.

Postage on letters to the countries in the Universal Postal Union was reduced to 5c, which necessitated the issuance of a stamp of that denomination. The new stamp was issued sometime between the 15th and 30th of June, 1875, and bore a full face portrait of General Zachary Taylor, set in a tablet not unlike the 10c value. The color was blue, ranging in shade from dark blue to deep greenish blue.

In order to lessen the danger of mistaking two cent stamps for the ten cent, the color of the two cent was changed to orange vermilion, since the seven cent stamp was no longer in use. This stamp was put on sale in June, 1875.

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lation with the ordinary stamps. This grill differs from the other grills used in that the points appear as small rectangles rather than as pyramids. All values to the 24c inclusive are listed with grill by Scott. They are extremely rare.

Many devices to prevent the fraudulent re-use of stamps were tried out during this period. Among them was the Fletcher patent, better known as the cog-wheel die. This device consisted of a die bearing eight small punches shaped like the letter U placed in a circle with the opening toward the center, somewhat like a cog-wheel in appearance. While this die cut into the paper, nothing was removed. It was the intention that when the stamp was affixed to the envelope, any attempt to remove it would result in tearing the center out of it. The experiment did not prove practical, though ten thousand stamps were thus treated and put in circulation. Only the 1c and 3c values were made.

Experiments were also made in chemical papers, both brown and violet, the purpose being to prevent cleaning. Any attempt to clean the stamps resulted in changing the color of the paper, making the fraud at once visible. While certain values were printed on these papers, none was believed to have been issued through the regular course of business. Cancelled copies are known, but these may be called essays which passed through the mail without detection.

A further experiment, made under the patent of Charles F. Steel, resulted in the printing of the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 10c, 30c, 2c vermilion, and 5c values on double paper. This paper consisted of a thin sheet of soft, porous paper, on which the stamps were printed, affixed to a slightly thicker sheet. Any attempt to remove the stamp by soaking or otherwise, resulted in the separation of the sheets. Some 20,000,000 stamps were claimed to have been printed on this paper. These stamps can be told by the shades when one is familiar with them. The two sections should separate easily under a sharp knife. Attempt to separate the soft paper stamps of later printings are sometimes made, but these do not result in clean separations.

A patent for a starched paper, using the double paper principle, was granted to Mr. Steel, and a few stamps were made under it. While cancelled copies are occasionally met with, practically all are pen-cancelled, and are thought to be essays.

The paper used by the Continental Bank Note Company varies considerably but for the most part a stiff, hard wove paper varying from thin to moderately thick was used. Later printings, a short time prior to the consolidation of the company with the American Bank Note Co., were made on a soft, porous paper, but these had best be classed as American printings by the amateur. Although not a true ribbed paper, a hard paper with vertical or horizontal ribbing was also used to some extent on both the regular and Departmental issues. This paper can be detected on the reverse by holding the stamp between the eye and a strong light.

American Bank Note Co. Printings.

The Continental Bank Note Co. was merged with the American Bank Note Co. in February, 1879, and the name of the latter company retained. All contracts and obligations of the former company were assumed, and the work of furnishing stamps to the government continued.

The new company continued to use the plates and dies of the Continental Company, and in addition used the National plates for the 30c and 90c values. It is believed that the National plates for some of the other values may have been used as well, particularly in the case of the 10c.

The American Bank Note series is determined by the paper, a soft, porous wove paper in varying thicknesses and texture being used, usually a thick, heavy stock.

This paper may be best distinguished from the hard papers of the previous issues by holding the stamps to the light and examining the pores in the paper. These appear to be large in the soft paper, and very small in the hard. The hard paper stamps are crisp and springy when snapped with the finger, while the soft paper stamps are more pliable and do not snap as readily. Care should be used in making this test not to damage the stamp. Also, do not hold the stamp too near the end. About half of the stamp should be allowed to bend under the test.

The same general color scheme was continued in use, but the shades differ considerably in all cases.

(To be continued.)

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By EDWIN B. HILL.

There were two things in particular which impressed me about Willy Grow, —his perfect breeding and his choice of words, which displayed the man of culture. Both Jimmy O'. and Johnny Williams, when it pleasured, could slough their careless speech. Eddy, however, was to the manner born, and he did not depart from his characteristic mode of utterance.

"Willy is some chap," declared Eddy one afternoon, when we were alone, Jimmy O'. and Frevor Moore having gone out to look at some steers. "He's what you might call ed-u-cated. Yep; that's the word. And say! Come t' think, I bet he knows a lot o' people you do—he used to live back there."

Eddy waved his hand toward the East. It was his firm and abiding opinion that his friends east of Chicago must all have known one another at some time.

"Anyways, he'd orter. Willy Grow aint his *reel* name. I got it here."

Eddy proceeded to fish out a bit of pasteboard, which he passed over to me. On it was engraved:

WILLEM BION DEGROWE.

"That's him," continued Eddy, "that same Will-em Bi-on de—now w'at's th' 'de' fer? — Gro-we. Gee! That there Gro-we. Fer why do they spell it that-a-way? Whyn't they jest put it G-r-o? Mebbe they c'd leave off that 'e'—yes. G-r-o-w."

Eddy scowled fiercely. Then he looked across at me, and resumed:

"Yes, sir; an' he's got a sure 'nough c'lection, too. I seen it. 'Twan't one o' them spe-cial-ized fellers — jest plain c'lection. Ye see, I caint go in fer specializin'—not much. 'Course, I got a few on covers—mostly U. S., an'—

Eddy sat upright, the light of a new thought in his eyes.

"I got it! Yes, sir! Plum' good idee, too! You was born August 17, 1866, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, eh? What? Yes, sir! I seen it in that book. Now what we'll proceed to do is to get entires, postmarked jest that-a-way — time an' place. Gee! Frien' o' ourn, that sure is a fine idee. I must-a had it handed on —nev' could-a thought it out myse'f.

"Well, now, if ev'ry c'lector would do that — say em-bel-lish—hah!—his album wit' a entire givin' day an' place o' his birth—some class t' that there! Yes, sir! An' he could get 'em wit' th' hour, too. Yourn was nigh onto 'leven P. M. —yes? Sure—that there gen-e-o-log-i-cal record says so. Yes, sir. Well, you jest write this here down an sen' it in t' th' WEEKLY—mebbe they'll print it—and—"

Here a new light broke upon Eddy's face, illuminating it with a halo of more than freindly interest.

"Yes, sir! An' mebbe some c'lecter with that there i-den-ti-cal entire will write an' tell you all about it. Hope they do—hope they do!"

Eddy's idea appealed to me. Why not collect entires of this particular sort? Further, one could include one's family in a collection,—day and hour making a geneological record worth the saving. Eddy's halo of hair hid many a good idea, I knew, along other lines. If his talents would develop philatelically, it would be to our rich reward.

"That's one c'lection I'd like a lot t' see," resumed Eddy, after a long pause, devoted to looking over my latest purchase of three beautiful blank albums, two of which had been ravished of their stamps, the third never having been put to use.

"I sure would of liked t' see it. You c'n learn a lot f'om a old album, 'specially if it's been writ up, er ef th' prices is marked in it."

Eddy laid the volumes aside.

"Now that ole Oppen o' yours—th' one you got f'om that ole book-shop in Lunnon—w'y, they's a whole hist'ry o' stamps there!"

Here he picked up that treasured old stray.

"Now take this here page o' Russia—cat'log numbers an' prices marked in shillin's an' pence by th' chap w'at sol' 'em. You c'n jest see them stamps there, an' ye know 'em, too. An' these here blank albums you bought at that there auction—made in Hong Kong, you say? An' on Dickinson han'-made paper, too? Gee! Le's see."

Eddy took them up carefully, and opening a volume turned the leaves until he came to Hong Kong. The pages had been beautifully hand-lettered in India ink, and evidently the previous owner had specialized, in a way, in the stamps of that British possession.

"Yes, sir. It sure makes me feel kind-a saddish like—these here empty albums. I think o' the chap that owned 'em, an' feel maybe he was up agin it hard—maybe a temp'ry loan 'ud a holped 'im some. Yes, sir—might-a saved 'im 'is c'lection. I tell yuh, friend o' mine, w'at we sure need is a hones' 'uncle' w'ere yuh c'n put 'em up—c'lectoins—till yuh c'n git yer bearin's."

Eddy laid the albums reverently away, heaved a deep sigh, and continued:

"Out here, most of 'em's lung-shy. I hate t' mention it, but sure thing if yuh takes away a c'lection yuh jest nacherly kills a chanst. Now what we need is t' cul-ti-vate a earnes' desire fer c'lectin'. Give us that, an' we fergits our failin's an' begins t' git strong. Lungs is all right in their place—pervidin' yuh got 'em. If yuh aint, w'y, give us stamps. Anyways, we c'n git along somehow wit' one er t'other—but they're a great pair—jest like a cow-punch an' 'is horse."

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Pictures—Thanks again are proffered to Briggs, the cartoonist of brilliant parts for bringing stamp collecting to the fore in one of his "Days of Real Sport" pictures. Mr. Briggs certainly must have been a collector at one time and we suspect that he has a lurking regard for the pursuit to this day. Webster, another cartoonist, who taps rich human veins, in a recent syndicate picture in his "Our Boyhood Ambitions" series gives stamps a whirl. Sinclair Lewis wanted to have such a complete collection of tobacco tags and stamps that "Sauk Center, Minn., his home town, would become the Mecca of Museum Curators and Private Collectors." We may as well leave the picture to the imagination.

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Harriott—From Mr. Ragatz, we have received an envelope that has an attraction for the one who attends to local handstamps. In the upper left-hand corner of the envelope is the inscription, in four lines in an oval: "Harriott's—Broadway Post Office—Cor. Canal St.—New York." The impression is in brown red and in the upper right corner is "Paid," in the same color of ink. As we wrote our correspondent, the name Harriott is vaguely reminiscent of some postal phase but a search of the printed records that are at hand reveals no trace of this "post office," the character of whose operations, in consequence, is unknown to us. This cover is one of some significance in the borderland of philately and any particulars of the enterprise of Harriott which existed in the early fifties, it is assumed, would be of interest today.

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Locals—A debt of gratitude is owed to Mr. Henry C. Needham, who in the admirable *Philatelic Gazette* for many months past has been presenting a history of the local posts and their stamps that is truly remarkable in its scope and interest. The fascinations of local stamps are felt deeply by a little band of enthusiasts to whom Mr. Needham's intelligent and exhaustive treatment of the subject indeed is a revelation of the research and patience of one in love with his work. Coster, whose book on our locals embodied the first systematic survey of the stamps will yield the place of honor to Mr. Needham, who is proving himself to be a historian extraordinary.

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Soaked—A reader sends us a specimen of the seal issue of Sonora that shows the result of salt water immersion but even so, it must be admitted that the colors of the stamp are very well fixed. We shall let Felix Cohen, Egypt, from whom our friend received the stamps, tell in his own words of the circumstance, merely adding that Mr. Cohen, who was an advertiser in the WEEKLY before the war, is now an interned prisoner in a military camp near Alexandria: "Before writing you, I decided to wait the arrival of covers with Sonora stamps, but a fatal accident happened. Two days ago, I received ten covers from Mexico without stamps, address invisible and still wet. These covers had this misfortune on board the French Atlantic steamer, the 'Touraine,' which had a great fire on board and could hardly be saved in the Atlantic. Seven pieces of 10c stamps have been founded when turning the postal bag here and the local postal director was so kind to give them to me as no proof to justify that these stamps belong to me really. I am sending you these stamps back as a seldom souvenier from a disaster."

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Philadelphia—A friend sends us a cover postmarked "Phi—31—De" and with Paid impression that was sent from Philadelphia to Lancaster, Pa., in 1804; and takes occasion to say that he does not remember having seen the circular postmark as having been in use in the United States, earlier. We think that the round postmark was employed some time before 1804, but we have no copy of it at hand for verification. Too, we acknowledge the receipt of a memento from Philadelphia, which is a paper fifty cent piece, "Loan of May 11, 1837," and reads on its face: "This is to certify that there is due to the Bearer, from the Mayor, Alderman and Citizens of Philadelphia, the sum of Fifty Cents, bearing interest at the rate of one per cent per annum, payable May 12, 1838, and being part of a Loan of 130,000 Dollars, authorized by an ordinance passed May 11, 1837. Philadelphia, May 12, 1837," with the pen and ink signature of Wm. Stevenson, "Ass't City Treas'r."

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Change—For many a year, we have been writing to readers and others who sent descriptions and examples of postal impressions, such as, Paid 10, etc., that were used in the stampless days or during the early years of stamps before their use was made compulsory. Invariably, we disappointed our correspondents by informing them that covers of the kind had no philatelic value or interest. Perfunctorily, we said that while a curious interest attached to relics of this order, it was only the antiquarian to whom they appealed. In writing this opinion we reflected the practically total indifference of collectors for the unstamped but not unmarked letters. However, usually there was a saving clause in the letter or printed paragraph to the effect that the covers were worth placing aside as the time might come when they would be regarded with some favor as a sort of commentary to the stamps. Of course, any noticeable demand for the covers from philatelists would give them elements of value. We must now restrict the sweep of our earlier statements and admit that there has come to be a small demand for the stampless covers with postalic impressions. Here and there, there is unmistakable indication that the covers are gaining followers and that in consequence, the time is soon to come when they will no longer be flatly unsalable.

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Variety—A half-dozen collectors in this country, perhaps, have made collections for some time past of the covers mentioned in the foregoing paragraph. Instead of following the procession and ignoring the covers, these philatelists no doubt having a predilection for such things, picked up the covers which could be had almost for nothing, until they had arranged several hundred varieties. The largest collection of examples of the kind that we know of just falls short of five hundred copies but there may be larger ones. We wish to interpose a word of warning that it must not be expected by those who have bundles of stampless covers lying around that they can market their goods at a fair or in fact any price but they should know that based on the slight demand that is now manifest, there are possibilities that in the future the covers may be admitted into "regular trading."

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Cautious—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who enclosed return postage when he wrote to the dealer for his price-list? Is this o. f. c. talking about Kate Claxton in the "Two Orphans," with the old-fashioned dealer, who boasted that he never gave out any stamps "on approval"?

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—A Mr. Bowen of New York writes Paul W. Riedell and gives no street address. Will Mr. Bowen please supply the same?

—The J. M. Bartels Co., N. Y. City, submits a letter from the Bureau of Engraving & Printing in which the director, J. E. Ralph, writes as follows:—"The current 30c stamp has not been issued on unwatermarked paper perforated 10.". Doubtless Mr. Mann, our chronicle editor, will refer to this matter further in next week's paper.

—C. V. Webb, former Secretary of the S. P. A., has been succeeded in office by Albert E. Gorham of Washington, D. C., who last year was chairman of the recruiting committee and board of appeals. Our acquaintanceship with Mr. Gorham would lead us to believe that he will make a very efficient officer.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from G. A. Doyle, C. T. Carpenter, Aug. Marschall, Edw. A. Bangs, Albert E. Gorham, A. E. Wellman and D. D. Berolzheimer.

—A. M.:—No recent edition of Endle's Directory has been published. The edition last advertised in the WEEKLY is the latest issued.

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—Luther B. Tuthill, South Creek, N. C., would like to hear from persons who are unable to secure replies to letters addressed the Golden State Stamp & Coin Co., El Centro, Cal. Similarly, T. P. Bradley, 1112½ E. Second St., Duluth, Minn., in connection with Charles J. Nissen, 2510 Aubert Ave., Chicago, Ill. We are shown two cards by different dealers from one Pablo H. Barbieri, Guadalajara, Mexico, in which he demands the filling of an order that he claims was sent two months ago. Dealers will do well to be shown that they actually owe this party anything before orders are filled. John M. Stone, 817 Montrose Ave., Richmond, Va., would like to hear from all who have claims against Fred M. Smith, 4548 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill. This note will doubtless develop business, but don't write us, write the dealer.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 318.)

CHARLEROI.—An important manufacturing town in Belgium having a population of about 25,000. In the 17th and 18th centuries it was frequently besieged, especially in 1794, and passed alternately into the hands of the Spaniards, the French and the Austrians. In 1911, on the occasion of an Exhibition held in that town, a number of the Belgium charity stamps of 1910 were overprinted "Charleroi 1911" for use there.

CHARLESTON.—A city in the State of South Carolina, having a population of more than 60,000. It was first settled in 1680 by the English, who were afterwards joined by a large colony of French Huguenots. In 1861, the first shot in the Civil War was fired here and Fort Sumter was surrendered to the Confederates. Special 5c stamps were issued by the Postmaster in the same year for provisional use until the regular Confederate stamps were ready.

Among American towns Charleston is of particular interest to philatelists as having had a larger number of semi-official posts for the delivery of local letters than any other. The first of these was established on July 14th, 1849, and the last of them was not suppressed until after 1860. There were five of these posts in all.

CHARLTON, C. H.—The postmaster of Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1861, who issued special 5c and 10c stamps for use until the general issue for the Confederate States was ready.

CHASSEPOT, MM.—A firm of printers in Paris who printed the 1900-4 stamps for French Congo.

CHAUVET, ADOLPHE.—A French artist who designed the stamps issued for use in the colony of Reunion in 1907.

CHECK LETTERS.—(See Account Letters.)

CHECK STAMP.—(See Cheque Stamp.)

CHEEVER & TOWLE.—A firm of Boston, Mass., who organised a local post in that city in 1850 and issued a special 2c stamp for the collection of the fee charged for the service.

CHEFOO.—A port in Shanghai, China, at the entrance of the Gulf of Pe-chili, with a population of about 33,000. The place is much frequented by foreigners as a health resort in summer. The port played a considerable part in the Russo-Japanese war; before the fall of Port Arthur many steamers ran the blockade between Chefoo and the Russian garrison. A local post was established here in 1893 in connection with which several stamps were issued.

CHEMICAL PAPER.—(See Francis Chemical Paper.)

CHEMINS DE FER.—An inscription shown upon the parcels post stamps of Belgium. It is the French equivalent for "Railways"—all parcels in Belgium being carried and delivered by the railways under the supervision of the postal department.

CHEMINS DE FER-SPOORWEGEN.—The French and Flemish equivalents for "Railways" shown upon all the parcels post stamps of Belgium issued since 1895.

CHEQUE STAMP.—The name by which a curious provisional 1d stamp of British Central Africa is known to philatelists. The stamp was issued in 1898 and was produced locally, at Zomba, by printing a number of oblongs on narrow strips of paper and applying an impression from the die used for stamping cheques in each of these.

CHESTNUT STREET LINE.—A local post of the United States in connection with which a stamp was issued but at what date does not appear to be known.

CHEUN.—The value in which some of the stamps of Corea are expressed. A cheun was equal to 5 poon and had a value of about ½c in American money.

CHIAPAS.—A state on the Pacific side of the republic of Mexico having an area of 27,222 square miles and a population of about 400,000. During the revolutionary period of 1867-8 a series of five special stamps was issued for use in this State.

CHICAGO PENNY POST.—A local post operating in Chicago (date uncertain) in connection with which special 1c stamps were issued.

CHICLAYO.—A town in the department of Lambayeque, Peru, situated about 10 miles from the coast and having a population of about 14,000. During April, 1884, a special overprint, consisting of the word "Franca", was applied to all the 5c stamps used here.

CHIFFRE TAXE.—An inscription appearing on the postage due stamps of France and various French colonies meaning literally "Amount to pay".

CHILE.—The local rendering of the name "Chili" as shown upon all the postage stamps of that republic.

CHILI.—A South American Republic of Spanish origin occupying the strip of land between the Andes and the Pacific from the southern boundary of Peru to the extreme southern extremity of the continent. In 1880, Chili annexed Atacama, (till then a province of Bolivia,) and the Peruvian province of Tarapaca. Its total area is now about 290,741 square miles and it has a population closely approaching three and a half millions. Most of its inhabitants are of Spanish extraction. The government is a republic, ruled by a President, who is elected for a term of five years. Chili issued its first postage stamps on July 1st, 1853.

CHIMARA.—A town in Epirus at which a provisional issue of stamps was made in 1914 by surcharging some of the then current stamps of Greece "EMHNIKH—1914—XEIMAPPA".

CHIMBORAZO.—A province of the republic of Ecuador having an area of about 5,000 square miles and a population of nearly 130,000. During the latter part of 1902 all the stamps used in this province were overprinted "ChimbOrAzo—Riobamba", in two lines, by means of a handstamp before being placed on sale. This was done in consequence of a fire in Guayaquil in July, 1902, during which a large quantity of stamps from the Government stores were destroyed or stolen. In the case of the latter eventually being correct, the authorities took this precautionary measure to render the stolen stamps valueless.

CHIMBORAZO RIOBAMBA.—An overprint found upon certain Ecuador stamps issued in the province of Chimborazo in 1902.

CHINA.—China proper, a vast republic in eastern Asia, consists of 18 provinces covering an area of 1,500,000 square miles. Its population according to the latest Chinese estimates exceeds 400,000,000. On the north are the extensive regions of Mongolia and Manchuria, and on the west are Thibet and Turkestan, all of which are integral parts of the Chinese Republic. The area of these dependencies is over 2,500,000 square miles, with a scattered population of about nineteen millions. The civil government of the 18 provinces is entrusted to viceroys and governors, and under them each province is subdivided into circuits superintended by taitois or intendents, and again into prefectures and districts. All the territorial officers are appointed by the Government, and the provincial viceroys and governors, though free to act independently in many matters of local import, are responsible to the Central Government at Pekin. The administration of Mongolia and Turkestan is entrusted to Military Lieutenant Governors who, with the Chinese officials in Thibet, are under the direction of the "Mongolian Superintendency" or Colonial Office in Pekin. It is not possible to state exactly when the Chinese came to China, but it is certain they were a considerable nation and had attained a high degree of civilisation as early as 2,200 B. C. The history of China and its people is one of the most entrancing interest, but space forbids mention of even the most important events. It must suffice to note only those facts bearing on China's relations with foreign powers.

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adventurer, Marco Polo, resided in Cambulac (the present Pekin), and was employed by the Mongol Emperor, Kubloi Khan, as adviser. In the 17th century Jesuit missionaries had attained considerable influence in the country and had made many converts to Christianity; but their power had aroused so much jealousy that they were expelled. The Dutch and Portuguese traders maintained commercial dealings with the port of Canton for centuries, but towards the end of the 18th century they were largely displaced by the British East India Company. The Company's monopoly was withdrawn in 1833, and this was one of the causes that led to the first British war against China in 1840. A treaty was signed at Nanking as a result of these operations and Hong Kong was ceded to Great Britain. Since then the exclusiveness and conservatism of the Chinese has led to frequent wars, after which the Celestials have had to concede various privileges to other nations, and at the present time practically all the ports are open to foreign trade. The Imperial Post Office was at first managed by the Customs and its operations have been much developed of late years. Already letters can be sent all over the 18 provinces at a uniform rate of 2 cents (less than 1c U. S.) per half ounce. The first postage stamps for China were issued in August, 1878, though Shanghai had used stamps since 1865.

(*To be continued.*)

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES AND VARIETIES

Information regarding varieties and new issues gratefully received. Address PERCY McG. MANN, 720 Liberty Bldg., Broad and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Letters calling for a reply should contain a self-addressed stamped envelope. We cannot give the addresses of correspondents. Numbers in parentheses indicate the previous issue of the WEEKLY in which information germane to the subject was published.

UNITED STATES.—(1395)—The new editor of the new issue department of our monthly contemporary, *The Philatelic Gazette*, auspiciously starts with a list of colors and shades "so far known" (to quote) of the current United States postage stamps, unwatermarked, perf. 11.

For comparison, we will give our contemporary's list, in italics, and append thereto, in ordinary type, the colors and shades which we know of by personal observation:—

1c *deep yellow green, milori green, deep gray green,* green, dark green, light green.
2c *rose, carmine,* rose, light rose, deep rose, dull light rose.
3c *violet,* purple, red-violet, lilac, light lilac, deep lilac, lavender.
4c *orange brown, brown,* yellow-brown, light yellow-brown, deep yellow-brown.
5c *blue, deep blue,* blue, dark blue.
6c *red orange,* red-orange, light red-orange.
7c *black.*
8c *yellowish olive,* light yellow-olive.
9c *salmon.*
10c *golden yellow,* orange, orange- yellow, deep orange.
11c *myrtle green.*
12c *claret lake,* rose-crimson, crimson-lake, deep claret.
15c *deep gray.*
20c *light dull blue, ultramarine.*
30c *orange vermilion.*
50c *deep lilac,* lavender.
$1 *purple brown.*
Special Delivery, 10c *ultramarine, deep ultramarine,* deep ultramarine, deep dark ultramarine, dull blue, deep blue.
Postage Due, 1c *deep carmine,* 2c *deep carmine.*

We have seen the 2c and 4c postage stamps with strong offsets on the reverse. In these instances we only consider the offsets which are under the gum.

(1380)—*The Philatelic Gazette* states that "there is a complete sheet of 400, *unperforated,*" of the printing of 2c stamps with three 5c in the plate, the errors, "in the possession of a prominent New York collector."

Adhesive.
Type of 1908. Unwmkd. Imperf.
5c rose, error.

ALBANIA.—(1386)—*The London Philatelist* publishes the following: Referring to our chronicle on page 148, and to the discovery by MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS that the inscription on the right, 'VETQEVERITARE' is printed with a broken 'B' instead of 'R' for the last letter but one, in the 5c and 25c values, we find that *all* the values in *both* of our sets, unused or used, have this peculiarity."

BAHAMAS.—(1385)—*Ewen's Weekly* states that 120,000 was the quantity of the 1d Red Cross stamps printed.

BARBADOS.—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new shade of the current 1d in bright scarlet, distinct from the rose-red and deep carmine previously listed. They were first issued on June 23rd, 1917.

Adhesive.
1d bright scarlet.

BELGIUM.—Through the kindness of M. Breugelmans, a citizen of Antwerp, who is with the Belgian Army on the Flandres Front, we are in receipt of a new printing of the 10c of the 1915 series. There are several little points of difference in the design, but the quickest test is the ribbon over King Albert's right shoulder. In the original printing this ribbon was composed of diagonal lines; the new printing shows the diagonal lines broken at the edge toward the coat collar. The color of the new printing is much brighter than formerly.

Adhesive.
10c rose-carmine.

CANAL ZONE.—(1394)—Being interested in our chronicle of the colors of the overprints on the 12c, 15c and 24c Canal Zone stamps, mentioned in our issue of Sept. 15th, Mr. Hermann Focke very kindly submits the three values which have the different colors of the overprints transposed. The following is our list of these combinations, so far noted to date:

12c violet-blue overprint.
12c dark blue overprint.
15c light blue overprint.
15c violet-blue overprint.
24c dark blue overprint.
24c light blue overprint.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—(1391)—We are indebted to Mr. A. C. Roessler for a sight of the new War Stamp, mentioned in the Chronicle for August 25th. According to the *Colonial Journal,* quoted in our previous chronicle, no 1½d duty plate is in existence, so the new War Stamp was made by using stamps printed from the 2½d plate and overprinting them "WAR STAMP" in sans-serif capital letters, 2½ mm. tall, just over the value tablet, the two words measuring 13½ mm. in length, with heavy numerals "1½d" surcharged directly on the value tablet. Stamps already printed but not despatched to the Islands were utilized for the purpose. The paper is watermarked multiple Crown and CA semi-transparent, the gum being white. Perforated 14.

War Stamp.
1½d (on 2½d) deep ultramarine.

CHINA.—(*Offices in Turkestan*)—See "Sinkiang" in this chronicle.

COSTA RICA.—The current Costa Rican envelopes are the production of the American Bank Note Co., New York, and they differ as to die from those printed by Messrs. Waterlow Bros. & Layton, London, known as the 1907-08 issue. Those of the earlier issue are the same as the 1903 issue, differing only in colors, having a cameo head of Columbus in the center, while the production of the Am. Bank Note Co. show the head of Columbus leaning backward and much narrower from the forehead to the back of the head. The Waterlow die has a colorless central oval around the head, while the American die does not have this oval. There are also other differences between the two dies, but enough has been stated by which the two can be identified.

We know of the following, the Waterlow productions having their embossed card on the left back flap, and the American printings having their embossed imprint thereon. So far as we know the size is the same for all, but the gummed flap of the American production is shorter than the Waterlow.

We thank Mr. Henry Pepper Norris for kindly drawing our attention to the two productions.

Envelopes.
1903 Issue, 5c blue on white.
1903 Issue, 10c yellow-brown on cream.
1903 Issue, 10c pale yell.-br. on cream.
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1907-8 Issue, 5c yellow-brown.
1907-8 Issue, 10c blue.
191(?) Issue, 5c dull yellow on white.
191(?) Issue, 5c dull yell.-or. on bl.-white.
191(?) Issue, 5c orange on bluish-white.
191(?) Issue, 10c pale blue on cream.
191(?) Issue, 10c blue on cream.
191(?) Issue, 20c light gray-olive on cream.
191(?) Issue, 20c gray-olive on cream.

EAST AFRICA & UGANDA.—(1394)—The color of the 31c envelope for registering purposes is dark blue.

Registered Envelope.
31c dark blue.

HAYTI.—Mr. J. E. Flick advises us that he has No. 20, 5c green, issue of 1886, on watermarked paper. He writes: "This watermark appears to be the name or trademark of the paper maker." Mr. Flick states that the watermark appears to be of Old English letters, but does not advise what the letters are. We would appreciate it very much, if any of our readers can tell us what the watermark is.

HEDJAZ.—(1391)—The Survey of Egypt, Giza (Mudiria), Egypt, has presented the Royal Philatelic Society, London, for its collection, a sheet of 50 stamps of a new value, 1p 40t, color dull purple and rouletted, states *The London Philatelist.*

Adhesive.
1p 40t dull purple, Rouletted.

HONDURAS.—Mr. J. E. Flick writes: "Have recently discovered a copy of Honduras, No. 127, 1c dull green, printed on both sides. . . . . This is no 'offset'."

INDIA.—(Hyderabad)—(1393)—*The London Philatelist* chronicles further stamps perf. 13½, giving the *Philatelic Journal of India* as their authority. The ¼a is Scott's type A5, and the Official stamps are Scott's type A6 with the small Sirkari overprint like the 1911-13 issue.

We find we have chronicled the latter two stamps, in our issue of Sept. 8th, but we then failed to state that they were of the type with "Post & Receipt" in the design.

Adhesive.
¼a gray-black, Perf. 13¾.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—The Rev. L. Meister advises us that the ½d and 6d stamps are now printed from plate No. 5.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—(1393)—We have some further information regarding the new printing of the 2c Coronation type of 1911, as mentioned in the Chronicle of Sept. 8th. Mr. M. P. Hynes writes: "I have enquired from the Postmaster General and Chief Stamp Clerk here (St. Johns) but could get no definite information as to how the stamps are printed. It appears in 1915 the supply of 2c ran out and a rush order was sent to the makers, Whitehead, Morris & Co., London, for a further supply. In due time they arrived and that is all the officials at the P. O. know about it. There is no correspondence whatever to help one. When the stamps were placed on sale at first many of us here noticed the difference in color, but owing to the general scarcity of dyes at the time we did not give it much attention, but recently it struck me that the stamps were not engraved."

We can only state, after examining a large block sent by Mr. Hynes, that the stamps have the appearance of being surface-printed or lithographed, the color being bright red instead of the deep carmine of the earlier engraved stamps. There is a possibility that the stamps are still produced from recess plates, but if so the plates have deteriorated very much indeed, the original printings having been very sharp and clear in every line, while the new printing shows most every line broken or mashed, with the fine cut diagonal lines of shading at the sides of the central oval entirely missing and the two base lines under the tablet containing "King George V" joined together forming one line instead of being two lines with diagonal lines between as were the

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The new printing is so different that it is worthy of catalogue rank.

Adhesive.

2c red.

NORTH WEST PACIFIC ISLANDS.—(1389)—*Ewen's Weekly* chronicles another new shade of the ½d Australian overprinted "N. W. PACIFIC ISLANDS". The new printing is bright green instead of yellow-green or blue-green as previously noted. All three varieties of the arrangement of the "SS" occur. In addition to these three types, the following varieties occur: No. 6, type I, large period after "W"; No. 12, type I, minute period after "ISLANDS"; No. 16, type II, large period after "W".

Adhesive.

½d bright green.
With varieties as above.

PHILIPPINES.—The 4c has at last been issued perforated 10 in sheet form and we are so advised by Mr. John H. Vale, who writes to us under date of August 10, submitting a copy for chronicle. The color is entirely new and distinct from the perf. 12 stamps, while the watermark is the same, single line P I P S, though not so clear as formerly.

Adhesive.

4c light dull rose-red, Perf. 10.
4c rose-red, Perf. 10.

RUSSIA.—Among other interesting items the *London Philatelist's* correspondent, Mr. A. Scheindling, states in that publication:

"I have got a sheet of 40 copies of the 1 rouble stamp" Scott's No. 87 "where the groundwork is printed inverted."

"I have got a similar sheet with regular network where the last two vertical rows are imperforate between, because the place between the fourth and fifth vertical rows has escaped the perforation; the margin after the fifth row is also imperforate."

"I have been told that a few copies of the 7r stamp laid vertically" Scott's No. 68 "have been found with inverted eagle."

"The postage for ordinary, as well as for registered letters, wrappers, etc., having been advanced, this will no doubt cause the appearance of a new lot of surcharged stamps."

"Four of our most prominent engravers have been invited to send in designs for a new set of stamps showing the emblems of the Republic."

(1396)—"The patriotic stamps are now exhausted, and a new set is now in preparation."

SALVADOR.—(1394)—Mr. Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr., writes a most interesting letter as follows: "In your issue of Sept. 15th, I notice Salvador provisional issue of June 7th, 1917. There are several errors for each value purposely made to order. I warn the public not to buy them, as the entire issue is purely speculative and in the hands of Manuel De J. Tablos, probably secretary to the present Postmaster General, as mail received is official. They were never issued to the public for general use."

(1386)—Continuing his letter, Mr. v. d. Wettern states: "Same case with the 'S' stamps. They were placed on mail by a few interested to show they did postal duty; after that they were immediately withdrawn. Of the stamps overprinted with the letter 'S', they have down there 3500 sets imperforate. Same party is now trying to unload them in this country at a high figure. The earthquake had nothing to do with the making of these stamps, they are purely speculative and in the hands of one party as stated above."

SIERRA LEONE.—In our chronicle of August 25th, under "Cayman Islands", we published, quoting the *Colonial Journal*, the fact that "there is no 1½d duty plate in existence." If this is so, then new printings of the 1912 1½d orange of Sierra Leone will probably be from a new duty plate.

SINKIANG.—(See China in No. 1389)—Mr. Theodore Siddall writes that the $2 China of 1914, Peking print, has been surcharged for Sinkiang, and that two collectors in Shanghai have them. Mr. Siddall calls our attention to the fact that Sinkiang is the Chinese name of the province that the Scott Catalog calls "Chinese Turkestan."

Chinese stamp of 1914 overprinted five Chinese characters in vertical formation.

Adhesive.

$2 blue & black.

SPAIN.—Mr. Wm. P. Knode, a young collector, submits two copies of Scott's No. 277 in two very distinct shades. In fact, the two blues are just as much entitled to catalogue rank as the two violets, Nos. 285 and 285a—or three if we include No. 284. Mr. Knode has also found by close examination of his stamps that those of this issue come on toned as well as white paper. We are very well pleased with the interest shown by young collectors, as well as the older ones, in the varieties given in this Chronicle. If we teach collectors to study their stamps, we are accomplishing a great work for the benefit of philatelic science.

The two shades of blue submitted by Mr. Knode, are "blue" and "Prussian blue", and they are quite different. There are other shades of this stamp, and, in fact, the entire issue, if well studied, will develop many interesting variations. The Scott catalogue lists all perforated 14, while, in fact, there are several different perforation varieties, and one can also make a distinction between the several colors of the control numbers on the backs of the stamps.

It should not be necessary to chronicle these varieties, as the individual collector should attempt to classify them in his own interest, and then write up his discoveries into an independent article which, we are quite sure, our publisher would be very glad to publish elsewhere than in the confines of a chronicle.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—(1395)—The Rev. L. Meister advises us, and we thank him for the information, that the 1d stamp has also been overprinted "WAR TAX" in two lines of thick block capitals, like the ½d chronicled in our issue of Sept. 22nd.

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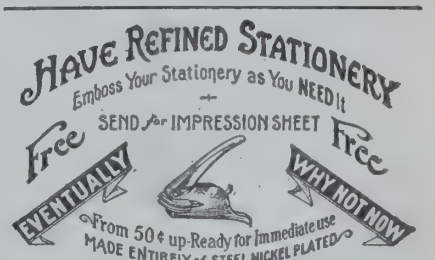
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TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—(1381)—The Rev. L. Meister advises us that the latest issue of the 1d "WAR TAX" stamps has the overprint quite at the top of the stamps, touching the perforation in some instances.

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Playing Card Stamps, 1894 Series.

During the eleven years from June 30, 1883, to the summer of 1894, there were no documentary or proprietary taxes, and the only adhesive internal revenue stamps in use were those employed for paying the taxes on alcoholic liquors, tobacco, etc., which are known as Tax Paid stamps. Following the panic of 1893 there were several years of hard times throughout the country. The Democratic party came into power with President Cleveland in the fall of '92, and after his inauguration in March, 1893, began work on a new tariff bill, the schedules of which were generally lower than those in the previous McKinley "protective" tariff. The Wilson-Gorman tariff bill — usually known as the Wilson bill—was received by President Cleveland August 15, 1894, but he had denounced many of its provisions, even using the terms "perfidy and dishonor," because it differed so widely from the platform upon which he and his party had been elected, and he refused to sign it. However, as he did not return it to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, it became law without his signature.

In order partly to replace the loss of revenue expected to result from the lower import duties of the Wilson bill, an internal revenue tax of 2c per pack was placed upon playing cards—60% less than the tax of 5c per pack which had been in effect most of the time during the Civil War series. Two stamps were issued and they are the only U. S. documentary or proprietary revenues that have any particular political significance. Instead of being a result of foreign or domestic war, they are chiefly reminiscent of one of the most violent political struggles and periods of business depression through which the nation has ever passed. Somehow they have escaped being nick-named "Perfidy and Dishonor." The fortunes of politics have changed several times since 1894, but the tax is still in effect, and whatever else may be said about the Wilson bill, the playing card tax seems to be satisfactory, both to the public and to the politicians. The stamps themselves make up in historical interest what they lack in beauty and in value.

The following sections of the law contain the parts most interesting to philatelists and explain why the lake stamp reads "On Hand Aug. 1894" and those printed in ultramarine or blue read "Act of Aug. 1894." Both varieties come in sheets of 200—two panes of 100 stamps each—and all were printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington:—

Sec. 38.—That on and after the first day of August, 1894, there shall be levied, collected and paid, by adhesive stamps, a tax of 2c for and upon every pack of playing cards containing not more than 54 cards, manufactured and sold or removed, and also upon every pack in the stock of any dealer on and after that date; and the commissioner of internal revenue, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, shall make regulations as to dies and adhesive stamps.

Sec 39.—That in all cases where an adhesive stamp is used for denoting the tax imposed by this act upon playing cards, except as hereinafter provided, the person using or affixing the same shall write thereon the initials of his name and the date on which such stamp is attached and used, so that it may not again be used. And every person who fraudulently makes use of an adhesive stamp to denote any tax imposed by this act without so effectually cancelling and obliterating such stamp shall forfeit the sum of $50. The commissioner of internal revenue is authorized to prescribe such method for the cancellation of stamps as substitute for, or in addition to the method prescribed in this section as he may deem expedient and effectual. And he is authorized, in his discretion, to make application of such method imperative upon the manufacturers of playing cards.

Sec. 40.—That every manufacturer of playing cards shall register with the collector of the district his name or style, place of residence, trade or business, and the place where such business is to be carried on, and a failure to register

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Sec. 42.—(penalties for counterfeiting etc.)

Sec. 43. . . . . provided that playing cards may be removed from the place of manufacture for export to a foreign country, without payment of tax, or affixing stamps thereto, under such regulations and the filing of such bonds as the commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may prescribe.

Sec. 46.—That the tax on playing cards shall be paid by the manufacturer thereof. Every person who offers or exposes for sale playing cards, whether the articles so offered or exposed are of foreign manufacture and imported, or are of domestic manufacture, shall be deemed the manufacturer thereof. . .

The lake stamp does not vary much in shade, and as would be expected, when used is generally pen-cancelled. The writer has seen no printed cancellations on it. Unused remainders are common and whole panes and even sheets are not rare. Probably it was sold to anyone who applied for it. According to the Boston Book it was first issued August 23, 1894, last issued prior to July 1, 1895, and the total issue was 13,400,000. It is believed to have been printed only on unwatermarked paper and all known copies are rouletted.

The Boston Book gives the date of issue of the ultramarine stamp as August 30, 1894, and states, "the color was changed to cobalt blue in 1898, and at the same time the stamp appeared on watermarked paper." The date of first issue is probably correct, but the other date should be not later than 1896, as blue copies cancelled 1896, and copies on watermarked paper also cancelled that year, are known.

The blue and violet stamps offer a fine field for any philatelist who cares for inexpensive specialism. There are plenty of shades and cancellations and also varieties of paper and rouletting to be found. The unwatermarked stamp is listed in both ultramarine and blue in the standard catalog, and both rouletted, perforated (12), and imperforate. Uncancelled imperforate blocks exist, but the writer has never found the unwatermarked stamp perforated. Single copies not rouletted at top and bottom and with a fine roulette measuring about 12½ at sides are ocasionally seen. All of these noted, bear the United States Playing Card Co. cancellation in black. One ultramarine copy dated 11-6-95, is on the ordinary paper, another ultramarine dated 10-1-95, is on much thicker paper, while all blue copies seen were dated 1-3-96 and were on the thick paper. Perhaps these were all imperforate stamps, unofficially part rouletted.

A paler ultramarine than the shade in use in 1894, appeared for a while about 1899. This occurs both with the regular "old" roulette and with the "new" or hyphen hole roulette which came into use for the Spanish War documentaries and proprietaries in 1899-1900 and has been used continuously on the playing card stamp to date. The color has been blue ever since 1901, but there are shades and shades.

The writer recalls the discovery of the perforated stamps about 1901, and it was stated at the time that these were used by the New York Consolidated Card Co. There appears no record as to whether they were issued imperforate and were perforated privately, or were perforated and so issued by the Bureau. There must have been more than one small lot, for the stamp is not a great rarity today. Copies usually bear red cancellations. Those noted are dated 1899 and 1902-3, and bear the cancellations of the New York Consolidated Card Co., the American Playing Card Co., and the United States Playing Card Co. The latter cancellation was black. No perforated copy cancelled with the big red A. D. *(Andrew Dougherty)*, and date, so often seen on the rouletted stamps, was found.

Occasionally uncancelled copies of the blue and ultramarine stamps are found, though it is evident that they were not intended to be sold to the general public. Genuine used blocks or strips probably do not exist, but pairs are used to a limited extent, chiefly on double pinochle packs containing 64 cards. All pairs seen were horizontal. That the stamp is so used seems to be known to very few collectors, and if one is to judge of the rarity of this pair by the number, size and value of revenue stamp collections that do not have it, no other common stamp is so difficult to obtain in a pair. The writer has never seen a pair, strip or block of the perforated variety.

The blue stamp may possibly exist watermarked U. S. P. S., as it is supposed the 6c and 8c postage stamps of the 1895 series watermarked "I" or "R" were printed on paper intended for the playing card stamps, and some students have thought perhaps the error was caused by two lots of paper, one postage, the other revenue, becoming transposed. So far as the writer knows the playing card stamp has not been found on postage paper. Of course it could be distinguished only by the letter "P".

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STAMPED ENVELOPE DIES OF 2c, 1916

By Joseph B. Leavy.

Various articles have appeared concerning the dies of the current 2c stamped envelope, the best being that in the August number of this magazine all however, have made a gross error in the order of cataloguing the dies in that the rejected die is called Die C., whereas it is Die A, and must be so listed, for reasons which I will point out later in this article.

In the manufacture of stamped envelopes a master die is first cut; this corresponds to the die for a postage stamp, and from this master die "hubs" are made. These correspond to the transfer rolls for postage stamps, and from the "hubs", printing or working dies are made, which correspond to the plates for postage stamps.

In the printing and manufacture of the current stamped envelopes seven different types of machines are used; these are known as: Schmidt No. 5, Schmidt No. 7, Schmidt No. 8, Kenny No. 5, Kenny No. 13, Huchins and Hartford; with the exception of the latter all the machines use curved dies, the Hartford uses a flat die. The curvature is different on each of the machines mentioned, and a separate master die is made for each. So far five master dies have been made of the current 2c, and for the following machines: Schmidt No. 5, Schmidt No. 7, Kenny No. 5, Kenny No. 13, and Huchins.

The first master die made was that listed as Die C. It was rejected after a number of size 5 envelopes of white paper had been manufactured from printing dies made from it. It was rejected because the numerals and lettering were considered too thin. The envelopes of this die that had been printed before its rejection were however delivered, and sold in the usual manner, after printings had been made and delivered from the first accepted die, which has so far been listed as Die A.

The rejected die was not destroyed, nor yet laid on the shelf, *but was recut,* the letters, numerals and inner circle being cut thicker and deeper, *and the die re-appeared as the second accepted master die,* which has so far been listed as Die B. This can readily be verified by a close examination of the head, which is identical in both the rejected die and the die so far known as Die B, and entirely different from the head appearing on any of the other dies.

It can now readily be seen that these first three dies must be rearranged in the following order:

Die A. Rejected die, heretofore known as Die C.
Die B. First accepted die, heretofore known as Die A.
Die C. Rejected die recut, heretofore known as Die B.
Die D. Correct as heretofore listed.
Die E. Correct as heretofore listed.
Die F. Correct as heretofore listed.

There are only five master dies extant at the present time; these are accounted for and the problem of six different dies from five master dies satisfactorily explained. But what of the recently discovered and listed Die G, and its varieties? It surely is different from any of the other dies. It cannot be a worn printing die because the lettering is thinner than on any die except the rejected die, and the lettering becomes thicker, not thinner, as a printing die begins to wear.

The idea was conceived that as the Hartford machine required a flat die electrotypes might be satisfactorily used upon it, and much time and expense thereby saved in the manufacture. Accordingly a "hub" from one of the least curved dies was flattened and twenty-five electrotypes taken from it and used on the Hartford machine. The printings from these electrotypes are Die G, and its varieties, the uneven character of the numerals and letters and the broken inner circle are sufficient evidence of electrotype printing. The electrotypes were made from a flattened "hub" from Die E.

The electrotype experiment was not exactly an innovation with the current type 2c, as a short time previously thirty-eight electrotypes had been made from some "hubs" of the preceding type, which accounts for dies F, G, and H, of that type, which recently appeared concurrently with the present type.

Although I have not yet seen the 1c corresponding to the current 2c stamped envelope, four master dies have so far been made; they are for the following machines: Schmidt No. 5, Schmidt No. 8, Kenny No. 5, and Huchins. Fourteen electrotypes have also been made for the Hartford machine.

Six electrotypes were made of the old design 1c for the Hartford machine and I believe printed from about the same time as the 2c of similar design.—*Philatelic Gazette.*

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Henry E. Harris informs us that he now has a total of eight complaints against John Obert, Delaware Water Gap, Pa., (formerly of Andover, N. J.). Interested parties may communicate with Mr. Harris at 3838 Reisterstown Rd., Baltimore, Md.

—The 267th meeting of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society will be held at the Narragansett Hotel, Providence, Tuesday evening, October 16. Ex-president A. B. Slater will give a history of the Providence plate and stamps, with an exhibit of the original plate and a specialized collection of stamps from it.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Eugene Tilleux, Jr., Wm. L. Hamilton and Herman W. Boers.

—Will Leslie Hart and E. D. Swartout (both of whom had short articles in recent numbers dealing with tax paids) communicate with E. L. Green, 1415 Vine St., Phila., Pa., and A. S. Davenport, Box 266, Yonkers, N. Y.? Our mailing list is not arranged alphabetically and it is impossible for us to supply the addresses of collectors as they appear in the Weekly from time to time.

—Three cent postage is now an accomplished fact and after November 2, 1917, the rate will prevail. Elsewhere, we hope to make room for the official by the postmaster-general.

—The death of Harry Nusbaum, age 36 years, of Chicago, at Baltimore, where he had been taken to his parents during the course of his illness, was a shock to his friends in Chicago. Mr. Nusbaum established the Chicago Stamp & Coin Company and was well regarded; and it was only a question of time before Mr. Nusbaum would have been a foremost dealer, so aptly did he take to the stamp business. Mr. Nusbaum was formerly the partner of Mr. Josephson who continues the Chicago Stamp & Coin Company, as usual.

—There is much activity in philatelic society circles. The Indiana Collectors' Club held its second annual dinner on September 3, 1917, and preceding the feast, an exhibit of collections was shown at the Marion Club. The evening of this philatelic day wound up with a successful auction sale. The Chicago Philatelic Society has taken a new lease of life and is about to secure a permanent headquarters in order that it may strike its old stride. The Cincinnati philatelic society has invited Indianapolis collectors to spend a Saturday with them in November; and the Milwaukee Philatelic Society has issued an attractive program of the season's activities.

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EDITORIAL.

Resigns—In the Chicago *Tribune,* we find a despatch from Washington to the effect that Joseph E. Ralph, director of engraving and printing, has resigned his important position to accept the presidency of the United States Intaglio Company, a new "bank note corporation." It is probable that the present assistant director will succeed Mr. Ralph, who will remain in charge until the appointment is made. We do not need to say that the department which Mr. Ralph so capably administered, the source of our stamp and paper currency supply, enters largely into the consideration of philatelists and that its head is one in whom they are singularly interested. Any trite expression of formal regard would not fittingly express the feeling of philatelists on this occasion; and it may truthfully be said that the retirement of the director is attended with genuine sorrow for us. Director Ralph, be it said in all sincerity, established a cordial bond of feeling between his bureau and the philatelist, who, not unnaturally, deemed the bureau as the source of all possible and impossible information as to the details of United States stamps. None will gainsay that Mr. Ralph met all expectations more fully, intelligently and cheerfully than any of his predecessors and he presided over the court of philatelic inquiry in a painstaking and kindly manner. We know that some of the questions propounded by the inveterate philatelist were practically unsolvable, but no matter how extreme they were, Mr. Ralph gave them attention and essayed to give what information was available, even at the expense of time and inconvenience. Mr. Ralph should have the satisfaction of knowing that the heartiest wishes for unbounded success in his new connection from collectors all over the land accompany him on his departure from the portals of the bureau of engraving and printing.

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Recalled—A year ago last August at the national convention of the Southern Philatelic Association, Director Ralph made the address of welcome to the delegates, and the editor of the WEEKLY responded for the visitors. At the time, it was represented to Mr. Ralph that he was not aware of the degree of intimate regard felt for him and his bureau by the thousands of serious collectors throughout the country and that probably he would think that he was recompensed for the demands made upon his time and patience by them, if he could understand the feeling, akin to affection, that we had for him. It was not the fact that Director Ralph and an uncle of the speaker had long been friends in Joliet, Illinois, Mr. Ralph's home town, that led Mr Ralph to tell of his appreciation of this circumstance, but because he was assured that his endeavors to establish proper relations between the bureau and philatelists had succeeded. The delegates will not forget the ringing words of Director Ralph, whose address was one of the features of the convention. Mr. Frank E. Ferguson, assistant director, accompanied Mr. Ralph at the time and gave an interesting talk, and we are sure that the good work started by Mr. Ralph will be continued under the jurisdiction of Mr. Ferguson, who is so likely to succeed the chief.

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French—We heartily welcome the 22nd edition of the Yvert & Tellier-Champion catalogue, the first of the "standards" for 1918 to reach our hands. It is significant and even touching that our French friends can issue their great work in the shadow of the stressful events over there and we say that the present edition of Yvert & Tellier-Champion has its human appeal as well as its philatelic claims. In fact, the cover of the catalogue is an emergency issue, with the year, 1915, which was originally printed on it, blotted out and surcharged 1918. The old covers which were on hand were utilized on the score of economy and advice of the authorities, who are conserving all resources. As, for the catalogue itself, all commendation may be bestowed on it philatelically and mechanically. It is on a parity with previous editions, to put it mildly, and the nine hundred pages of the book are about as interesting a philatelic history of the world as could be imagined; and the practical value of the book is found in the seeming equitable pricing. The illustrations of small differences and type varieties with many notes in the text add to the reference value of the book. We are exceedingly glad to see the edition of the French catalogue before us and we recommend it to our readers with all confidence.

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CHINA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.—(See "C. E. F.").

CHINE.—The French rendering of "China" as shown upon all the stamps issued for the use of the French Consular Offices established in China.

CHINESE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING & PRINTING.—Shortly after the establishment of the republican form of government in China a Bureau of Engraving and Printing was formed patterned after the similar institution in the United States. The first stamps produced by this Official printing office were those issued in 1912 to commemorate the revolution and the formation of the republic.

CHINESE TURKESTAN.—The Eastern portion of that vast region of Central Asia known as Turkestan belongs to China and since 1915 the Chinese stamps used here have been specially overprinted on account of its depreciated currency. The country first became a province of China in 1758. A rising of the Mohammedan inhabitants took place in 1864, and under Yakoob Beg the country was independent till 1877, when the Chinese again took possession.

CHINKIANG.—A Chinese port on the Yang-tsze-kiang having a population of about 235,000. It was first opened to foreign trade in 1861. A local post was established in this port in 1894 and in connection with this numerous stamps have appeared.

CHIOS.—One of the most beautiful and fertile of the Aegean Islands at which a specially overprinted stamp was issued in 1912 during a shortage of ordinary stamps for use in this territory then recently occupied by Greece. The overprint is "E*Λ".

CHORRILLOS.—A town in the department of Lima, Peru, in great favor as a health resort. The name of the town appears on the 5c stamps issued in April, 1871.

CHUCKRAM.—The value in which all the stamps of the Indian native state of Travancore are expressed. A chuckram is equal to 1c in American money.

CHUNKING.—The commercial capital of western China, having a population rapidly approaching a million. It is a treaty port and is situated on the banks of the Yang-tsze-kiang about 1500 miles from its mouth. A local post was established here in 1894 and in connection with this a number of stamps have been issued.

CIA SUD AMERICANA DE B. DE B.—The imprint of the South American Bank Note Company, of Buenos Aires, which appears at the base of the 1901 issue of Official stamps for the Argentine Republic.

CICI FRERES,—A firm of paper manufacturers of S. Marcello de Pistojese, Italy, who manufactured the watermarked paper used in the production of the 1851 issue of stamps for Tuscany.

CINCINNATI CITY DELIVERY.—A local post of Cincinnati, with offices at 64 West Third Street, established in 1883. Special labels were issued in connection with this post, these bearing no indication of their value.

CITY DISPATCH.—One of the semi-official carrier services operating in New York in connection with which a 2c stamp was issued. Little is known of this post or its stamps except that one of the stamps is known to have been used in March, 1846, and the post is known to have been the successor of the United States City Despatch Post.

CITY DISPATCH DELIVERY.—A local post of New York in connection with which special 1c stamps were issued.

CITY DESPATCH POST.—A successful local post established in New York on January 1st, 1842. Mr. John N. Luff, in his monumental work on United States postage stamps, tells us "The founder, sole proprietor, manager and director, was Henry Thomas Windsor, a London merchant, then on a visit to the United States, and residing temporarily in the suburb of Hoboken. In travelling through the country Mr. Windsor, who was familiar with the English postal system, was struck with the inefficiency of our postal arrangements and the excessive charges. He decided, as a business venture, to establish a private post in New York City. He associated with him his friend, Alexander M. Grieg, in whose name the post was established, with the idea that it would be more successful under the name of a well-known resident than under that of a stranger and alien". The chief office of this post was located at 46 William Street and postage stamps bearing the facial value of 3c were issued for the easy collection of the fee charged for the services of the post. The success of this post soon attracted the attention of the Post Office Department and a Government service was started under the name of the "United States City despatch Post." This service was commenced in August, 1842, and Mr. Grieg was appointed as letter carrier. Whether the original City Despatch Post was abandoned or not is uncertain but at any rate it was in business under the same name in 1848 and continued until 1859.

CITY EXPRESS POST.—I. A local post of the United States in connection with which special 2c stamps were issued. At what town and at what date this post was in operation I have been unable to ascertain.

II. The words "City Express Post" form the only inscription on one of the stamps issued by Adams' City Express Post.

CITY LETTER EXPRESS.—The inscription shown upon the 5c stamp issued in connection with the private post of W. E. Loomis & Co. (See also Loomis.)

CITY LETTER EXPRESS MAIL.—A local post of the United States which issued 1c stamps for the prepayment of the fee charged for the delivery of letters. When and where this post was in operation I cannot say.

CITY MAIL CO.—Another local post, in business in 1845, which issued stamps, but at what city this was established I have again been unable to discover.

CITY POST.—Another United States local post which issued 2c stamps which are now of considerable rarity. Regarding this post also I can find no information.

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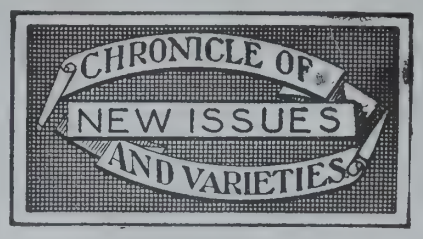
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UNITED STATES.—Dr. Eric Twachtman advises us that he has an unused envelope with the 1c die printed on top of, but a little to the right of, the 2c die. The combination of the red 2c with the green 1c must be an odd one, and we congratulate the possessor thereof.

(1394)—Mr. H. M. Drown is the first to show us a copy of the 1c circular die envelope stamp, formally chronicled in our issue of Sept. 15. We notice that the right numeral "1" tilts towards Franklin's bust.

(1391)—Mr. George B. Warren, Jr., shows us the "BUY NOW U. S. GOVERNMENT BONDS 2nd LIBERTY LOAN" cancellation, used at Boston October 1.

(1394)—In our Chronicle for Sept. 15th, we stated that Mr. Pierce had shown us unused blocks of the 30c unwatermarked perf. 10. This was an error. We should have stated that we had seen an entire sheet of this stamp. All statements coming from the P. O. Department containing the information that the stock of 30c "was so large that it lasted over the period in which stamps were printed perf. 10 on unwatermarked paper, so that the records show that none of these stamps have been issued" convey a wrong impression, as the statements are wrong. The 30c stamps were first printed on unwatermarked paper on March 13th, 1917, and the last perf. 10 machine to be changed to perf. 11 did not occur until May 10th, 1917, and this information is from the printers and perforators. It will thus be seen that there was plenty of time to perf. 10 some of the 30c stamps on unwatermarked paper.

With regard to the 30c 1916 unwatermarked, perf. 10, we have received the following from Mr. F. A. de Camp: " . . . I have received the following information from Washington: 'The stock of the 30c at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was so large that it lasted over the period in which stamps were perforated 10 on unwatermarked paper, so that the records show that none were printed perf. 10 on unwatermarked paper.' As I was interested in getting a copy of this stamp I made inquiry with above result. Would add that I have a block of six 2c stamps perf. 10, single line wmk., with paper margin attached and such a small portion of the letters fall on the paper, it is not at all visible on the engraved stamp; the paper being thinner than usual, the letters have not made such a deep impression on the paper."

The word our correspondent has from Washington must be in error. We have had and have examined one entire sheet of the 30c unwatermarked, perf. 10, and our deductions are absolutely correct, the sheet has absolutely no signs of a watermark and the stamps are in fact printed on paper of the same texture and thickness as others of the same series without watermark, and the paper is not thin at all. Our readers will recall our statements in the WEEKLY, Sept. 8, 1917, that some 2c stamps submitted to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which stamps showed to us a watermark of some undecipherable design, were returned to us with the statement that they were unwatermarked, and that the supposed watermark was probably due to "pick up" on the dandy. We believe Mr. de Camp will find his own 2c stamps on the thinner paper are of the printing just described, unless the watermark is more in evidence.

We do not know from what source Mr. de Camp had his information from Washington, but the statement that "the stock of the 30c . . . was so large that it lasted over the period in which stamps were perforated 10 on unwatermarked paper" is absolutely false.

Mr. J. E. Ralph informs one of our correspondents, Mr. P. H. Ward, Jr., that the first printings of the 30c on unwatermarked paper took place on March 13, 1917, and that the last machine to be changed over from 10 to 11 perforation was so changed on May 10, 1917. So it was during this period of almost two months, that some of the 30c on unwatermarked paper were perforated 10.

One of the arguments put forward, without examination of the stamps, is that the paper on which they are printed is from a worn dandy. This is absolutely wrong, as a worn dandy broadens the bits and makes the watermark thicker, but does not fail to watermark, as the pressure of the dandy is so great that the slightest defect of the bits is shown. Our readers are referred to an examination of recent British Colonial stamps, the thin paper shows the watermark the strongest, while the thicker paper shows the watermark opaque, but the watermark is there just the same and shows up quite well under carbona —or benzine.

There is another test to prove the unwatermarked series of U. S. stamps, but we hope we may be pardoned for keeping this secret. It may not stand good for future printings, but in the present instance it is conclusive.

ABYSSINIA.—(1391)—*Scott's Circular* chronicles varieties of the stamps we listed in our issue of August 25th, as follows: 2g blue with inverted surcharge and 2g blue with double surcharge; ¼ on 8g with inverted surcharge, also ¼ on 8g in pair, one without surcharge; ½ on 8g with double surcharge; 1 on 16g with inverted surcharge; 2 on 16g with inverted surcharge and 2 on 16g with double surcharge.

BAHAMAS.—See "British Colonies" in this Chronicle.

BRITISH COLONIES.—(See Bahamas, 1386 and 1392, and Turks & Caicos Islands, 1396.)—In several chronicles of British Colonial stamps we have referred to a new perforation as being 14½ instead of 14. We now wish to correct these statements, as the measurements were made with a defective, or rather inaccurate, millimeter scale. In our Turks & Caicos Islands chronicle of Sept. 29th we stated that we would have further investigations to report on in the near future. We made these investigations and discovered our error and wish to state now that the mistake occurred for the reason stated above. We advise all students to see that their millimeter scales are accurate.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—(1389)—Referring to the Chronicle of August 11th, where we mentioned the provisional of 1882 without the hyphen between the words "One-penny", we now see the following in *Scott's Circular*: "We know a collector who has a copy of the C. A. stamp with a colon, placed sideways, instead of the hyphen, and he tells us he has seen other varieties, but has mislaid his notes. This issue would seem to be worth a little attention from those who like minor varieties."

CHILE.—Can any of our readers inform us how many copies of the 1900 provisional 5c on 30c, Scott's No. 45, were issued? One of our readers asks for this information.

FRANCE.—(1389)—Our English contemporaries chronicle on the authority of Mr. Wilson, the 45c on "G.C." paper. We doubt if the 4c will be issued on this paper, as the value was discontinued some years ago, and a good stock of the printings on the old paper still exist in the hands of the authorities. Likewise, the 25c is still unknown on the "G.C." paper, although, of course, this value has never been discontinued. This peculiar paper, a provisional production, is, we believe, no longer being used.

GUATEMALA.—(1390)—*Scott's Circular* publishes the following: "We have recently received a quantity of a supposed provisional stamp upon which we look with considerable suspicion. The stamp is the 1 centavo of the 1902 issue with the surcharge 'DOS CENTAVOS' in two lines. The type appears to be the same or very similar to that used for the 1916 surcharges. Our suspicions are based on the following facts; We are informed that 1c and 2c stamps are no longer in use in Guatemala. We are not supplied with unused copies in sheets or blocks but with cancelled copies, tied up in packages, and including nearly as many inverted surcharges as normal. Finally, the centres of the 1c stamps are printed in various shades, some of which we think have been obsolete for years. Guatemala has an evil record in the matter of surcharged stamps and we fear these alleged new provisionals emanate from the same sources that have done so much discredit to other issues."

We are quite in accord with our contemporary's remarks, and our chronicle of this stamp had a little suspicion cast upon it in our Chronicle of August 18, as we then knew that the 1c and 2c had been discontinued in use. The 2c stamp, unsurcharged, of this type has been in use for so many years (since 1902), that it is one of the commonest stamps in existence, therefore it is an easy matter to print a pseudo surcharge on used copies and create a demand for them, thus making the stamps marketable. We advise our readers to beware of them.

RUSSIA.—Mail from Petrograd dated June 27, 1917, has been shown to us by Mr. George B. Warren, Jr. The envelopes are franked with Empire stamps, which show that no special stamps are yet being used by the Republic.

Scott's Circular chronicles Russian stamps with a surcharge of a script capital "A" in a lozenge or diamond shaped frame. The "surcharge" is applied by handstamp with violet ink. We have seen several of these capital letters in lozenge frames on envelopes from Russia, and not applied to the stamps (see Chronicle of September 22nd, under "War Covers"), and we believe they are control markings of postal or censor officials of the Republic, and if applied to the stamp they were done so

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

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TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—(1397; also see British Colonies in this Chronicle.)—Mr. Eugene Klein has shown us the printing of the War Tax stamps referred to last week. These have the overprint at the very top of the stamp. The stamps used are of the thick paper with transparent watermark and brownish gum, perforated 14 by a comb machine, the same as used for the earlier printings. Mr. Klein is of the opinion that this is a misplaced overprint, but as the stamps are coming from several sources, the overprint at the top appears to be a deliberate position.

(1396)—Mr. Ashley C. LeDuc shows us the new printing of the 3d War Tax stamps on lemon yellow paper with single line perf. 14, which is also shown us by Mr. Eugene Klein. Mr. LeDuc states he received this before he received the 3d on dull yellow paper with brownish gum, comb perf. The latter is, however, the same as already chronicled.

(1376)—Mr. Ashley C. LeDuc shows us the variety "f" mentioned in our Chronicle of May 12th. The "X" in "WAR TAX" having a flat side at right, or straight side. The copy before us shows a straight side at right, with the spaces between the left arm and left leg and this straight side clogged with ink.

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The next meeting of the Society will be on Tuesday evening, Oct. 16th, at 7.45 p. m. The applications of Mr. G. R. Kimball and Richard J. Harrison, (junior) will be voted upon.

The entertainment will consist of a competition for silver and bronze medals to be awarded for the best exhibition of [illegible]r stamps", red cross stamps not being considered in this competition. The medals are donated by Mr. Edwin F. Sawyer.

There will be the usual "half hour" auction after the business meeting. The curator of the "Club Collection" would be glad to receive stamps for same. If you have any good duplicates send them along and if they duplicate stamps already in the books they can be sold at auction and the proceeds used to purchase those which are needed.

Members dining in town will please meet at the club room at 6 p. m.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by our readers. Our columns are always open for communications of general interest.—Ed.)

TO THE EDITOR:

Along about the years 1892-3 and 4, I saved a lot of about 11,000 of the then current U. S. 2c stamps for a purpose entirely foreign to philately. Since that time I have become a "Collector." In going through this lot of stamps recently, looking for "caps" on the 2's, I found a few of the 2c lake, Scott's No. 219D, one of which has the left 2 capped and one has both 2's capped. I am reporting this because Scott makes no mention of "caps" on 219D and I thought it would be of interest to other collectors who may have overlooked the existence of these varieties of 219D. I would like to know if this fact has been previously reported.

I am also in receipt of a copy of the 1c green, envelope embossed, *Round Die*, only a single copy has come in my mail and it appears to be the only one that has come to any of the Atlanta collectors so far as I am aware.

Yours very truly,
W. J. MILLS.

ATLANTA, GA., Sept. 10, 1917.

TO THE EDITOR:

On January 4th, 1891, I received a note from Paris, France. The stamp on envelope, containing same, is a 2c U. S. postage stamp 1890-93 issue. Postmarked Paris, France, Dec. 24th, 1890. Nothing to collect. I have the cover entire. What do you know about that? Ever hear of any others?

Very truly yours,
J. F. GARLOCK.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 23, 1917.

DIRECTOR RALPH RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Joseph E. Ralph, director of the bureau of engraving and printing, whose administration of the bureau has been under investigation for months, has tendered his resignation.

Charges of exceeding his authority in administering the affairs of the big bureau, where the government's entire volume of paper currency is made, have been under investigation by a special committee of the Treasury Department, but no report as to its findings has been made public.

Mr. Ralph, it is understood, will accept the presidency of the United States Intaglio Security Company, a new corporation designed to be the largest bank note company in the world. He will receive a salary practically double what the government paid him.

Mr. Ralph asserted that his resignation "had nothing whatever to do" with the committee's investigations of charges against him.

"When my resignation has been accepted," Mr. Ralph said, "I expect that Secretary McAdoo will give out a statement relating to it. For the present I have nothing further to say."

Investigation began last June when Congressman Jeanette Rankin of Montana filed with Secretary McAdoo charges in which it was alleged that Mr. Ralph was overworking women employes at the plant. A committee named to investigate broadened its inquiry to include the manner in which Mr. Ralph had conducted the affairs of the bureau.

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C. L.—I. An overprint found on certain early South Australian stamps signifying "Crown Lands". The stamps were used during the period 1868-74 and in the latter year they were superseded by the general issue for all government departments overprinted "O. S."

II. The initials of M. C. L'Epplattenier, the designer, which appear on the 20c to 3fr values of the 1908 stamps of Switzerland.

CLARKE, J. A.—The postmaster of Goliad, Texas, in 1861, who issued special 5c and 10c stamps for local use until the regular issue for the Confederate States was ready.

CLARKE'S CIRCULAR EXPRESS.—A local post established in New York in 1863 which issued labels for the collection of its charges.

CLARKE & CO.—A local post of the United States in business in 1857 but at what town I have been unable to ascertain. One cent stamps were issued by this post.

CLARIOR E TENEBRIS.—A motto shown upon the Grenada stamps of the "Ship" type first issued in 1905. Literally translated it means "Lighter from Darkness" but what that is intended to signify I cannot say.

CLAUDIUS, M.—An engraver, of Altona, who engraved the dies for the stamps of the 1850 issue for Schleswig-Holstein.

CLAYTON, ROBERT.—An engraver and printer at one time in business in Dublin, Ireland, who went from there to Sydney, New South Wales. He claimed to be able to produce stamp dies similar to those used in England and was at last commissioned to engrave a copper plate for printing 1d stamps. This was the original plate for the 1d "Sydney Views" and for this work he was paid ten pounds.

CLEAN-CUT PERFORATION.—A philatelic term applied to many of the older stamps of certain British Colonies to distinguish them from stamps of similar design, color, and watermark, having what is known as "rough perforation". In "clean-cut" perforation the holes are sharp and clear as opposed to the ragged appearance of the "rough perforation."

CLEANED STAMPS.—Stamps from which the cancellations have been fraudulently removed so that they appear unused to the uninitiated.

CLEMENCET, E.—An officer of the French Postal Department who went to Corea in 1903 to organise the postal system of that country. He designed the stamps of Corea issued in 1903.

CLEVENGER, SHOBAL VAIL.—An American sculptor, born in 1812, whose bust of Daniel Webster inspired the portrait on the 15c stamp of the United States issued in 1870. Clevenger died at sea in September, 1843.

CLICHE.—A single stereotype or electrotype of a stamp design. In many cases the plates from which stamps are printed have been formed from a number of separate clichés clamped together.

CLIPPERTON ISLAND.—A series of bogus labels bearing the name of this island appeared in 1895, but so general was the suspicion with which they were regarded that probably very few collectors were victimised by them. The island is a small one situated near the coast of California and belonging to the United States. At the time these labels were issued the Guano deposits, for which the island was valuable, were being worked by the Oceanic Phosphate Company and the "Stamps" were a private enterprise on the part of a Mr. W. Frese, one of the members of the Company.

COAMO.—A small town in the island of Porto Rico at which provisional 5c stamps, set up from ordinary printer's type, were issued in 1898 shortly after the island came under the dominion of the United States.

COARD, C. W.—An engraver, of Hobart, who engraved the plates for the first 1d and 4d stamps of Tasmania issued in 1853.

COARSE IMPRESSIONS.—A term applied to stamps printed from roughly engraved plates or, more generally, to those printed from very worn plates.

COATED PAPER.—(See Chalk Surfaced Paper.)

COCHIN.—A feudatory State of India, lying between Travancore and Malabar, on the west shore of the Madras Presidency, with an area of 1,361 square miles and a population rapidly approaching a million. In 1662 it was seized by the Dutch, and in 1799, on the fall of Seringapatam, it fell into British hands. Postage stamps for the use of this State were first issued in 1892.

COCHIN ANCHAL.—The inscription shown on all the stamps of Cochin issued since 1898.

COCHIN CHINA.—The extreme south-eastern portion of the French dependency of Indo-China. It has a total area of 22,000 square miles and a population of about three millions, of whom only 8,000 are Europeans. It is under the rule of a lieutenant-governor, assisted by a privy council composed of Europeans and natives. Special postage stamps for Cochin China were issued in 1886 but three years later they were superseded by the general issue for Indo-China.

COELHO, J. J. G.—A Portuguese artist who designed the 50 reis stamp of the Vasco da Gama commemorative issue.

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*HAWAII '93, 2c rose, Prov. Govt., cat. .15
*HAYTI, 1898 Unpaid, 2, 5, 10c Catalog .22
* 1896, 1, 3, 5, 7, 20c palms ..... " .30
*HAYTI 1904. 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 .. " .35
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JAPAN, 60 varieties all different.
ITALY, packet of 50 all different.
*MEXICO 1884, 50c, 1p and 2p ....Cat. .24
* 10 rebels, all different.
NFLD., Packet of 10 all diff. ..... " .31
NEW ZEALAND, packet of 20 all different.
*NICARAGUA '78, 10c, Scott's 11.
* 1878. 5c, Scott's 10.
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"PENNY ALL THE WAY", book by Melville.
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SALVADOR '11 Official comp., 1c-1col.
* 1897, 1c, 5c four colors.
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* 1895, 6p, Scott's 164.
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Issues of 1881-1888.

Early in 1881, it was decided to deepen certain of the lines of the 1c, 3c, 6c and 10c values, to facilitate in the printing of the stamps, so retouches were made to the dies of the 1c and 3c and re-engraving done on the dies of the 6c and 10c.

On the 1c value, the vertical lines in the upper portion of the stamp have been deepened until the background appears to be almost solid. Lines of shading have been added to the inside of the upper arabesques.

On the 3c stamp the vertical lines in the shield have been deepened until the shading outside the medallion appears only half as wide as on the previous stamps. The horizontal lines at the bottom portion of the stamp have been deepened, and a short horizontal dash about 1 mm. long has been cut below the "ts" of "cents."

On the 6c only three vertical lines may be counted from the edge of the panel to the outside of the stamp. On the previous issues there were four lines. The horizontal lines of the panel have also been re-engraved.

On the 10c the horizontal lines of the background have been strengthened, giving the stamp an appearance of having a solid background. There are only four vertical lines between the left side of the oval and the edge of the shield on the re-engraved stamps, while there are five on the original design.

The re-engraved stamps may be readily distinguished by the shades and the general heavy appearance in comparison with the earlier printings.

In 1882, an experiment known as the Douglas patent was tried on the one and three cent values. This variety consisted of a double paper, the stamps being printed on a very thin sheet backed by a heavy porous sheet. A die cutting eight small holes in a circle was impressed into the thin sheet before it was attached to the thick backing. One complete circle of eight holes fell on each stamp. The idea was to print the stamps so that the portion which fell over the holes would be printed on the backing paper, and any attempt to erase the cancellation would tear the surface paper, while any attempt to soak the stamp would result in separating the sheets. 10,000 stamps were thus prepared, and placed on sale, at Washington, but they did not prove practical.

The five cent stamp bearing the portrait of Garfield was issued soon after his assassination. The stamp picturing Gen. Taylor had never given satisfaction, for it had been hurriedly designed, and was not in the least artistic. It was originally intended to issue the Garfield stamp in black, as in the case of the fifteen cent Lincoln stamp of 1866, but a dark brown was finally decided upon. The stamp was accordingly issued on March 1, 1882.

The color ranges in shade from yellow brown to grey brown.

On October 1, 1883, two cent letter postage went into effect in the United States, i. e., two cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof, instead of three cents, as formerly. This is one of the memorable acts of the United States Post Office Department, for it has made possible much correspondence which would not otherwise be carried on.

There being little use for the 3c stamp, it was decided to issue a new 2c stamp bearing the portrait of Washington. An entirely new design, the forerunner of the 1890 series, and a very simple type, was adopted. The stamp bore a profile bust of Washington, in oval, with inscriptions, "United States Postage," and value, "Two Cents," as well as numeral "2". The stamp was printed in red brown, but the quantity used soon resulted in many shades, ranging into the orange brown and even yellow browns. The stamp was placed on sale on October 1, 1883.

For the amateur collector who desires to do some microscopic research, this stamp offers possibilities. The writer satisfied his cravings in this directon by examining over 50,000 copies under the glass, and found a number of minor plate differences and slight shifts, though none important enough to note. Much can be done in the cancellation line on this stamp, as well as on the commoner varieties of the preceding issues.

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While taking up the subject of cancellations, let us consider the period from 1870 to 1883. This is the field most generally covered by the specialist, for the reason that the stamps are obtainable in large quantities at a small cost. In the earlier issues of the '70's, much ground may be covered in the line of "Paid," "Free" and similar word cancellations. These become scarcer on the later issues, and are quite rare on the '80's. However, "Paid" is sometimes seen on the 2c. Numeral, target, and letter obliterations exist in countless varieties. Figure cancellations, such as skull and cross-bones, kicking mule, pumpkin heads, shields, flags, masonic, and the fancy cork figures, are even more plentiful than on the issues of the '60's. An endless collection of cork varieties may be made for the searching. Many of these are very scarce and interesting.

Colored cancellations are quite abundant on the early '70's and less so on the later issues. Red, green, brown and pink are the scarcest colors. Blue, purple and magenta are more often found. Colored cancellations on the late '70's and '80's are mostly confined to blue and purple.

The new postal rate made a new value, the four cent, necessary for the first time in our history. This stamp was placed on sale on the same date as the 2c.

The portrait of Andrew Jackson, which was formerly on the 2c stamp, was used on the new 4c. The design was very much like the new 2c. The color, blue-green, does not vary in shade to any extent.

On June 15th, 1887, a one cent stamp was issued in new design. This value is not unlike the 2c and 4c described above. The stamp, as usual, bears a portrait of Franklin, in profile. The color differs somewhat on the various printings, ranging from light to deep ultramarine.

Early in September, 1887, an official circular announced that the color of the 2c stamp would be changed from "metallic red" to green, and that the color of the 3c stamp, which was still in use in some of the larger offices, would be changed from green to vermilion. These changes were duly made, and in the following year the 4c stamp was changed to carmine, the 5c to indigo, the 30c to orange brown, and the 90c to purple.

Only one variety in the above issue is worthy of note. One sheet, and possibly more of the 5c indigo, was printed on pink paper. This variety was evidently due to an accident, as the stamp does not appear to be a changeling. It is exceedingly rare.

The Issue of 1890.

The issue of 1890 marks the passing of the large stamps, as all future issues, with the exception of the commemoratives, were in the small size of today.

After considerable time was lost, the contract for the printing of the stamps was finally awarded the American Bank Note Company for a period of four years. Under a special order, two sets of essays in trial colors were made, but as these were not issued for use, they need not be considered here.

The series, with the exception of the four cent and five cent, was placed on sale at the larger offices on February 22nd, 1890, while the four and five cents values were issued in June of that year. The eight cent stamp was not included in the series at the time, and did not appear until March, 1893.

In design, the stamps were not unlike the three stamps issued in 1883 and 1887, but were smaller in size, measuring 19 x 22 mm.

The designs and colors are as follows:

1c Franklin, dull blue.
2c Washington, carmine.
3c Jackson, purple.
4c Lincoln, dark brown.
5c Grant, chocolate.
6c Garfield, brown red.
8c Sherman, lilac.
10c Webster, green.
15c Clay, indigo.
30c Jefferson, black.
90c Perry, orange.

The color of the two cent ranges from lake to pink, due to experiments in inks used during the different printings.

The paper, gum and perforation are practically the same as in the previous issue by the American Bank Note Co.

The eight cent stamp was issued because of the reduction in the rate of registration from ten cents to eight cents, which occurred January 1, 1893.

There is little to be said of this issue. Three plate varieties on the two cent stamps are of more or less interest to collectors. These are known as the "capped numeral" varieties, for the figure two shows a cap at the top, caused by the chipping of the transfer roll. This variety occurs on each numeral, and on both, in various instances. The right cap is decidedly scarce, while the others are not uncommon.

Bisected and imperforate copies of this issue are known, but these must be considered questionable, as they were not authorized.

The Columbian Issue of 1893.

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1892, 2c brown on buff		.03
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5c chocolate, Columbus soliciting aid from Isabella, from painting by Brozik.

6c purple, Columbus welcomed at Barcelona, from panel by Randolph Rogers.

8c magenta, Columbus restored to favor, after painting by Jover.

10c black brown, Columbus presenting natives, after painting by Luigi Gregori.

15c dark green, Columbus announcing his discovery, after painting by R. Baloca.

30c Sienna brown, Columbus at La Rabida, after painting by R. Maso.

50c slate blue, Recall of Columbus, after painting by A. G. Heaton.

$1 salmon, Isabella pledging her jewels, after painting by Munoz Degrain.

$2 brown red, Columbus in chains, after painting by Leutze.

$3 yellow green, Columbus describing third voyage, after painting by F. Jover.

$4 carmine lake, Portrait of Columbus and Isabella, from paintings.

$5 black, Profile of Columbus, from cast used on Columbian half dollar.

The paper, perforation and gum are like the preceding issues.

Many shades of nearly all of the lower values exist. The four cent stamp was printed in deep blue, the color of the one cent, in error, and at least one sheet of this variety was placed in circulation, at Cleveland, Ohio, in September, 1893.

Recent studies by various collectors have disclosed small plate varieties in the lower values, both from wear and from double transfers. The 2c stamp exists with double impression. Most of these plate varieties occur at the border lines of the stamps. Collectors wishing further information should refer to files of the *Collector's Journal*, also to the *Philadelphia Stamp News*, and MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

Cancellation varieties on the Columbian and 1890 issues offer very little of interest, owing to the standardization of the cancelling devices. Town, cork, and registry cancellations are the usual means of obliteration. The writer knows of one copy of the 2c, 1890, cancelled "Paid", this being the latest use of the "Paid" cancellation coming to his attention.

As a speculation, the Columbian series proved dubious for the Government and the collectors. Sufficient sets were purchased by collectors who intended to realize large profits to make the set quite common, and even to-day, unused high values may not bring much over face value.

Cancelled copies, in fine condition, are worth in many cases more than uncancelled, though of course, they do not bring as much because of the face value involved. The three and four dollar values are particularly scarce in fine used condition.

All remainders on hand were destroyed by the Post Office in 1899 and 1900. These did not amount to many sets however.

ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

Increase in Rate of Postage on First-Class Mail, Including Postal and Post Cards.

Office of the Postmaster General,
WASHINGTON, Oct. 3, 1917.

Order No. 755.

Section 399, Postal Laws and Regulations is amended to read as follows, effective November 2, 1917:

399. Upon all matters of the first class * * * postage shall be charged * * * at the rate of three cents for each ounce or fraction thereof; and drop letters shall be mailed at the rate of two cents per ounce or fraction thereof, including delivery at letter-carrier offices. (Acts of March 3, 1885, and Oct. 3, 1917.)

Note—A drop letter is one addressed for delivery from the office at which it is posted. There is no drop rate on any matter except letters. See Sec. 408, as to rates of postage on ship and steamboat letters.

Section 400, Postal Laws and Regulations, is amended to read as follows, effective November 2, 1917:

400. Postal cards shall be transmitted through the mails at a postage charge of two cents each, including the cost of manufacture. (Acts of March 3, 1879, and October 3, 1917.)

See Secs. 127 and 128, as to postal cards.

Section 402, Postal Laws and Regulations, is amended to read as follows, effective November 2, 1917:

402. It shall be lawful to transmit by mail, at the postage rate of two cents apiece, payable by stamps to be affixed by the sender, and under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe, written messages on private mailing cards, such cards to be sent openly in the mails, to be no larger than the size fixed by the Convention of the Universal Postal Union, and to be approximately of the same form, quality and weight as the stamped postal card now in general use in the United States. (Acts of May 19, 1898, and October 3, 1917.)

A. S. BURLESON,
Postmaster General.

Office of 3rd Asst. P. M. General,
WASHINGTON, Oct. 3, 1917.

Pursuant to the foregoing amended regulations postmasters shall, on and after November 2, 1917, see that postage is paid at the rate of three cents an ounce or fraction thereof on letters and other first-class matter except drop letters. All drop letters, that is, letters mailed for delivery from the office at which posted, including those for delivery by city, rural, or other carrier of such office, are required to have postage paid on them at the rate of two cents an ounce or fraction thereof. Postal cards are required to be prepaid two cents, and, therefore, the one-cent postal cards must have a one cent postage stamp affixed to them in addition to the one cent stamp impressed on such cards. Post cards (private mailing cards) bearing written messages must have two cents postage prepaid on them. Postmasters at offices of address shall be careful to rate up with the proper amount of postage due all mail reaching their offices with the postage insufficiently prepaid.

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Tax—The date of October 3, 1917, is a vital one in our economic history as on that day, Congress enacted a war revenue tax that is the most drastic and expansive that has ever affected the American public. The extensive provisions of the law require no little study to be understood in all their detail but we are concerned only with the stamp tax. The war tax on beverages is raised and likewise that on tobacco, cigars, playing cards, etc., and many new objects of taxation are named but after all, the tax will be paid in stamps in comparatively few instances. Toilet articles, proprietary medicines and chewing gum, for instance, on which the tax under previous enactments was levied by stamps are now paid monthly in cash, we find. As for the war stamp taxes, which are effective December 1, 1917, they apply to bonds of different kinds, capital stock, conveyances, custom house entries, promissory notes, proxies and power of attorney, produce sold on exchange, steamship tickets and stock sales or transfers. We read: "Failure to affix proper stamps, with intent to evade the law, subjects the offender to a fine not exceeding $1000, or imprisonment not more than six months, or both." Here is an odd tax on parcel post packages: "On every parcel or package transported by parcel post between points in United States on which the postage amounts to 25 cents or more, one cent for each 25 cents or fractional part thereof charged, tax to be paid by sender." We expect to have particulars as to the new stamps themselves at an early date.

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Latest—We feel that we have been remiss in not having mentioned the appearance of our latest handbook, "United States Virgin Islands, formerly the Danish West Indies," by Bertram W. H. Poole and J. Murray Bartels. This is our twenty-first booklet and is sold for ten cents. The book has twenty-eight pages and cover and contains an excellent map of our latest acquisitions; and a frontispiece shows Secretary Lansing presenting the draft for $25,000,000 in payment for the islands. The illustrations are plentiful and with the text, make a monograph whose value is not to be measured by the cost of the booklet. The writers are authorities and in truth their compilation may be called the final word on the stamps of United States Virgin Islands.

Advance—The increased cost of postage, beginning November 2, 1917, was announced by the department in the following order which provides for three cent stamps and stamped envelopes and two cent postal cards. Some time ago, we were informed that the Bureau had printed a large supply of three cent stamps, in anticipation of a levy of a war tax of one cent on each letter.

Office of Third Asst. P. M. Gen.,
WASHINGTON, Oct. 4, 1917.

1. Under the Act of Congress approved October 3, 1917, changing the rates of postage, the Department will begin issuing 2-cent postal cards and 3-cent postage stamps and stamped envelopes as soon as a supply can be manufactured. It will not be possible, however, to provide them in sufficient quantities to exchange stocks of 1-cent postal cards, 2-cent stamps, or 2-cent envelopes held by the public or by postmasters. It will therefore be necessary, beginning November 2, 1917, when the new postage rates become effective for postmasters to continue the sale of 1-cent cards and 2-cent envelopes while their stocks last, and for the public to fix adhesive stamps to cards and envelopes to the amount of the increase of postage.

2. Postmasters may draw requisition for 2-cent single postal cards, known as No. 9; for 2-cent reply postal cards, known as No. 10; for 3-cent adhesive stamps, and for 3-cent plain stamped envelopes, high-back, low-back and extra quality, in all listed sizes and colors except manila, in time to prevent their stocks of 1-cent postal cards, 2-cent adhesive stamps, and 2-cent plain envelopes from becoming exhausted. These requisitions will be filled as soon as possible in the order of their receipt at the Department, but cannot be expedited. The Department will substitute high-back for low-back envelopes when stocks of the latter are insufficient to fill requisitions. District postmasters should draw all requisitions for stamped paper on their central-accounting postmasters.

3. Requisitions may now also be drawn in response to orders from purchasers for 3-cent printed special-request stamped envelopes, high-back, low-back, extra quality and window, in all listed sizes and colors except manila.

4. The prices of 3-cent stamped envelopes will be the same as for 2-cent, plus one cent each. Printed price-lists will be issued to postmasters as soon as received from the printer.

A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Asst. P. M. Gen.

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History—We notice the advertisements of "The United States Post Office," by Daniel C. Roper, recently first assistant postmaster general and we have no doubt but that the work lives up to the glowing description of it by the publishers, who say that it is a "thrilling and amazing story of the growth and magnitude of the post office. . . . It is a pioneer work and the only book of its kind." We are not disposed to cavil at these claims, but we remember that Thomas L. James, postmaster general in 1881, wrote a brief history of the post office and that postal officers of minor rank tried their hands on the subject. It is almost certain that we shall find Mr. Roper's book of interest and perhaps of philatelic value, but in works of the kind, we are apt to be disappointed because more information on stamps in a specific sense is not included in them.

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Unexpected.—In the Sioux City *Sunday Journal* of September 30th, 1917, we find a feature article taking up the best part of a page and headed: "Collecting Stamps for Pleasure and for Profit." The collection of our friend, Mr. G. L. Baldwin, furnishes much of the material for the article; and likewise, does that of Mr. E. B. Jones. Written in a popular style the article has its place in the spread of collecting. However, what strikes us is a fac-simile reproduction of the first page of the first number of the *American Stamp Mercury*, Boston, Oct. 25, 1867, published by F. Trifet. Mr. Trifet helped make early philatelic commercial history and his paper was one of the earlier philatelic monthlies in this country. The owner of the first number of this paper has a memento that is interesting and somewhat scarce.

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Placed—In our issue of October 6th, 1917, we mentioned a handstamped impression of Harriott's Broadway Post Office and said that while we had a recollection of having seen the name of Harriott in connection with stamps, we could not certify as to particulars. Mr. Henry C. Needham, whose series on United States locals in the *Philatelic Gazette* is the most valuable contribution of recent years has the kindness to write: "Your remarks about Harriott may be answered by referring to my memoranda of the Broadway Post Office in the *Gazette* of last spring or early summer. James C. Harriott established the Broadway Post Office on the north side of Canal Street, the first door east of Broadway, in 1848. In 1849, he moved to 416 Broadway, the corner of Canal Street, and in 1851 to 422½ Broadway. The handstamp referred to served all purposes for the first year or two after the doors were open, and again later, when the Broadway stamp was suppressed." While Mr. Harriott had the post, which under different proprietors existed until 1862, he issued the familiar Broadway Post Office stamps, the black variety being somewhat common. Mr. Needham takes occasion to say that he is surprised and gratified to find that our local stamps are having a decided flare of favor. It is becoming the custom of big collectors who specialize in U. S. to take up the issues of the local posts to complete the country.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—At the meeting of the Junior Philatelic Society of London, held Sept. 15, Pres. Melville reported in alluding to the roll of honor that eighteen members had been killed in the war. He also reported that there are upwards of 250 members of the Society in active service.

—Mr. C. V. Webb, who has recently resigned his official connection with the S. P. A. and A. S. D. A., wishes us to acquaint the philatelic public with the names and addresses of the officials who are taking up with his former duties. We are pleased to give them as requested, as follows:—Albert E. Gorham, Sec. S. P. A., 1240 8th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; J. E. Guest, Sec. A. S. D. A., 320 McKnight Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.; B. W. H. Poole, Treas. A. S. D. A., 1015 Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Henry B. Phillips, Ziegler Sargent, Frank C. Brown, and F. G. Scale.

—Maitland Milliken in submitting several clippings encloses the call issued for the October 11 meeting of the Mountain State Philatelic Society. A special effort is being made to interest the collectors of Denver in the local society, and there is every reason to believe that the movement will be a success. No fewer than 175 collectors are within the reach of this organization.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

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COLLEGE STAMPS.—These were special stamps issued between the years 1871 and 1885 by several of the colleges of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, England, for the purpose of franking the local or intercollegiate correspondence of their own members. It appears that almost from time immemorial the Universities had special rights and privileges in the way of carrying letters and, as a matter of convenience special stamps were issued during the period referred to above. The postal authorities deemed the issue of stamps an infringement of the rights of the Postmaster-General and ultimately pressure was brought to bear on the college authorities and the stamps were suppressed.

COLMAN & LAW.—A firm of booksellers and druggists of Gonzales, Texas, who issued 5c and 10c stamps in that town in 1861, these labels being used for local postage until they were replaced by the general issue for the Confederate States.

COLMET-DAAGE.—(See Daage.)

COLOMBIA.—A republic in the north-west portion of South America, having an area of 473,000 square miles and a population of more than four millions. It has a coast line of 1,100 on the Atlantic Ocean and one of 1,040 on the Pacific. At the present time the republic is divided into the Capital district of Bogota and fifteen Departments. Colombia was formerly known as New Granada and was then a federation of States which now form the various Departments. By a Constitution signed on August 5th, 1886, all the departments were federated under a central government consisting of a Congress with two Chambers, and a President elected for a term of ten years. In 1903 the department of Panama seceded and proclaimed itself an independent republic.

In 1537 the Chibehas—one of the civilised nations of South America—were defeated by the Spaniards, under General Quesada, who took their capital, Bacata (Bogota), and named the territory Nueva Granda. Begota revolted from Spanish dominion in 1810 and in 1819 Bolivar gained the decisive battle of Boyaca. New Granada, with Ecuador and Venezuela, then joined forces and became the republic of Colombia. In 1829 Venezuela withdrew and formed the independent republic of that name, and in the following year Ecuador and New Granada decided to annul their agreement. In 1863 New Granada assumed the title of the United States of Colombia and in 1886 it became the republic of Colombia It has been frequently disturbed by party warfare and revolts, to the great hindrance of its commercial development. The various changes in the constitution of the country's government are clearly marked on its postage stamps. The first of these were issued in 1859 when the "Granada Confederation" was in force; in 1861 a set for the "United States of New Granada" was issued; in 1862 stamps for the "United States of Colombia" appeared; and in 1886 the first set for the "Republic of Colombia" was issued.

COLON.—I. A word found upon all the postage stamps of Chili issued prior to 1901. It is the Spanish form for Columbus, whose portrait adorns nearly all the postage stamps of this republic.

II. Since 1901 the peso of Costa Rica has been officially known as a colon. A colon is divided into 100 centavos and has a nominal value of about 50c in American money.

COLONES.—The plural of "Colon" as inscribed on the highest denominations of the stamps of Costa Rica.

COLONIA DE RIO DE ORO.—The inscription shown on the stamps of Rio de Oro meaning, of course, "Colony of Rio de Oro."

COLONIA ERITREA.—An overprint found on many of the stamps of Italy issued for use in the colony of Eritrea.

COLONIAL PRINTINGS.—A term frequently used for distinguishing stamps printed locally in various British Colonies from impressions made in London from the same plates by the manufacturers of the plates.

COLONIES DE L'EMPIRE FRANCAIS.—The inscription shown on the first series of stamps issued for general use throughout the whole of the French colonies. Its English equivalent is "Colonies of the French Empire."

COLOR.—This has been defined by scientists as "a sensation associated with a definite stimulus of the optic nerve" but, philatelically, it refers to the specific tint in which any particular stamp is printed.

COLORED PAPER.—A term that is really self explanatory. In producing paper of this sort pigment of the required tint is added to the pulp with the result that the paper is colored right through.

COLOR TRIALS.—A term applied by stamp collectors to impressions of a stamp design printed in a different color or on colored paper distinct from that finally adopted for actual use. When the design has been chosen and the die engraved and the plate is ready for use it often happens that impressions from the die, or plate, or both, are taken in all sorts of colors to help the authorities responsible to choose the one most suitable. These are of considerable philatelic interest as color proofs or trials having distinct bearing on the history of a stamp.

Impressions of some of the more recent British stamps are sometimes met with on colored paper, which are erroneously termed color trials. These are merely impressions taken by the printers to judge whether the plates are laid on the bed of the printing machines accurately or not, and colored paper is used owing to the fact that the contractors are not allowed to have any white paper on the premises other than the watermarked paper supplied by the Inland Revenue authorities, each sheet of which has to be strictly accounted for. These stamps are, therefore, not color trials but simply printers' waste and their philatelic interest is but small.

COLUMBIA.—A city of South Carolina having a present population well in excess of 21,000. During the Civil War it was much injured by fire. It is philatelically interesting from the fact that in 1861 the then postmaster issued numerous 5c envelopes which were used for local postage until they were replaced by the general issue of stamps for the Confederate States.

COLUMBIAN BANK NOTE CO.—A firm of printers and engravers of Washington, D. C., who produced the

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1899	No. 218a	15c	.35
1899	No. 219	50c	1.25
1901	No. 220	4c	.12
1901	No. 221	6c	.18
1901	No. 222	8c	.20
1903-04	No. 227	2c	.15
1903-04	No. 228	3c	.35
1903-04	No. 229	4c	.70
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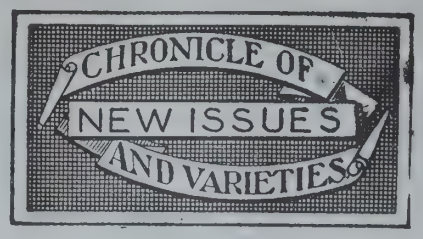
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UNITED STATES.—Mr. Benjamin Cadbury shows us the 2c coil stamps unwatermarked with Schermack perforation. These are printed on flat plates and made up from imperforate sheets.

(1383)—The new 3c letter postage rate goes into effect on November 2nd. The rate is 3c per ounce or fraction thereof and 3c each additional ounce or fraction thereof. This affects all postage on first class mail matter in the United States and possessions and wherever the domestic rates of postage apply, such as Canada, Mexico, Cuba, etc., with the exception of drop letters, where the rate is 2c per ounce or fraction thereof. Postal cards will be 2c each. A drop letter means one posted at a post office for delivery from the same post office; that means a letter mailed, for instance, in Philadelphia, addressed to a P. O. Box or the General Delivery of the Philadelphia Post office, would be handled for 2c per ounce.

The 3c stamps in booklets are, we believe, already prepared for issue and will be issued immediately, if not already out. Likewise a 3c envelope stamp will be one of the results of the new rate, and, perhaps, we will see a 6c envelope, taking the place of the 4c one. The vertically coiled 3c stamps printed by the Rotary press will also, probably, be issued, as well as the 3c in imperforate form, from flat plates, for making into coils with the Schermack and Mailometer perforations. It is probable that the 6c stamps will be issued in coil form to take the place of the 4c, while we may also expect a 13c stamp for registered letters. But, like other suppositions, we have no definite information and can only await, anticipatingly, the new issues that may transpire.

(1398)—Mr. Benjamin Cadbury shows us several of the Liberty Loan advertising cancellations, for use during the 2nd Loan campaign. Washington is using the same cancellation as used during the 1st campaign: "Do your bit," etc., together with a new one: "Buy Now U. S. Government Bonds 2nd Liberty Loan". Easton, Pa., is using the same cancellation as used for the first campaign: "Your patriotic duty," etc. Penna. Terminal, New York, N. Y., No. 4, and the Wall Street Sta., New York, N. Y., No. 2, are the same as the new Washington, D. C.: "Buy now," etc.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—*The Phil. Jour. of Gr. Brit.* publishes the following: "We have a copy of the 10c of the 1911 type with a watermark which looks like four arrow-heads, one in each corner. Careful examination, however, shows that it is the sun watermark very much off centre, three rays showing in each angle and giving the appearance of arrow-heads. Thus is cleared up the mystery of this watermark, which we chronicled in April, 1915, on the authority of an exchange, as '10c wmk. arrowheads.'"

We note that the Scott Catalogue lists under 1915, 10c and 24c stamps with watermark Arrow Heads, and prices them for sale. We would be pleased to publish further information on the subject, if details are submitted by our readers.

BELGIUM.—*The Philatelic Jour. of Gr. Brit.* publishes the following: "We hear that all values of the current issue are to be specially printed on rose paper, overprinted with a red cross! Of the lowest values there is to be an issue of 400,000 stamps, and the numbers will be graduated in diminishing quantities until we reach 15,000 for each of the franc values."

COSTA RICA.—(1397)—Continuing our remarks on the Costa Rican envelope stamps, set forth in the Chronicle of October 6th, we are now enabled to state that the 20c envelope was first issued in 1913 and is listed in Bright's Catalog under that year. Never having seen a copy of the 20c with the Waterlow imprint at the back, we are inclined to believe that it does not exist with it, and, therefore, it would seem to be logical to state that the 20c was issued simultaneously with the 5c and 10c bearing the imprint of the American Bank Note Co., and that all three were issued in 1913.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—*The American Philatelist* has word from Mr. Vincent Gurdji that the new series of stamps has at last been issued. They are a handsome series, showing the principal historic monuments of Morocco. The form is the same for all values, large rectangular, about the same size as the French Colonial picture stamps. Each stamp shows the word "MAROC" (French) and its equivalent in Arabic below. The 1c, 2c and 3c have a picture of the Tower of Hassan at Rabat; the 5c, 10c and 15c have a picture of the Dekaken Door at Fez; the 20c, 25c and 30c picture the Chella Door near Rabat; the 35c, 40c and 45c have the picture of the Koutaubia (tower) at Marrakech (Morocco); the 50c and 1f picture the Mansour-El-Euldj of Maknes, and the 2f, 5f and 10f show the Ruins of Volubilis. We are of the opinion that the perforation is 13½x14.

Adhesives.

1c gray.	35c orange.
2c bright violet.	40c turquoise-blue.
3c brick (red?).	45c bronze-green.
5c green.	50c sepia.
10c carmine.	1f blue-black.
15c slate-gray.	2f ochre.
20c claret.	5f dark green.
25c dark blue.	10f black.
30c dark violet.	

GREAT BRITAIN.—(1396)—*Stamp Collecting* has the 1½d in a new shade from Mr. W. Ward. The latter states that the color runs like oil, and our contemporary calls it fugitive ink. The color is red-brown, and we surmise that it has some aniline-red in it, as the anilines run more or less when immersed in water.

This color may be entirely new or it may be the same as that listed in our edition of September 29th.

Adhesive.

1½d red-brown (aniline?).

(*Offices in China*)—(1384)—*Stamp Collecting* publishes the following: "A variety is to be found on the 2c, 4c, 6c, 10c and 50c, and probably on all the other values of the Hong Kong series overprinted 'China', the letter 'C' of the overprint being shorter than the normal." Mr. W. Ward has submitted an example of the 10c with this variety.

GUATEMALA.—(1398)—We have seen unused copies of the "Dos Centavos" on 1c green and claret, chronicled in our issue of August 18th, and mentioned last week, on the authority of a contemporary, as probably being a fake.

The judgment of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., publishers of *Scott's Circular* (the contemporary referred to), may be absolutely correct, and we are inclined to believe it is, regarding the lot of these stamps with inverts as plentiful as the normal surcharge, still we must await official or semi-official information or a lack of both before we should go on record as condemning the stamps like we did last week. It is probable that such a provisional was actually issued and used and that fakes of it (the surcharge being an easy one for the faker) both normal and inverted have been made. The small number of unused copies may be accounted for by the fact that "letters and newspapers must be brought to P. O. to have stamp attached by clerk, that this procedure is to prevent dealers from buying the whole stock," to quote from our original chronicle of the provisional. If the issue were a small one, it would have been an easy matter to have purchased the whole lot, the Guatemalan centavo being less than one-fifth of a cent, we believe.

HEDJAZ.—(1397)—Our English contemporaries believe *The London Philatelist* has made a mistake in the chronicling of a 1p 40t stamp for this country, which we chronicled in our edition of October 6th, on the same authority. It seems the value is 1 para= one fortieth of a piastre, and it is so listed by the *Philatelic Journal of Gr. Brit.* This publication also states that the stamp has a zigzag roulette, different from the roulette of the earlier issues, and that the 20pa (½pi) red has also appeared with this zigzag roulette, as well as the postage dues chronicled by us on August 25th. To re-adjust our chronicle of these stamps, changing the ¼ and ½ piastres to their equivalents in paras, we give the following list:

Adhesives.

10pa green, perforated.
20pa red, perforated.
1pi blue, perforated.
a. pale blue.
b. deep metallic blue.
5pa orange, rouletted.
10pa green, rouletted.
20pa red, rouletted.
1pi blue, rouletted.
1pa dull purple, zigzag roulette.
20pa red, zigzag roulette.
2pi pale magenta, zigzag roulette.

Postage Dues.

20pa red, zigzag roulette.
1pi blue, zigzag roulette.
2pi pale magenta, zigzag roulette.

The 5 and 10pa and 1pi adhesives will probably come with the newer zigzag roulette.

INDIA.—(*Bundi*)—According to *Stamp Collecting*, which quotes from the *Philatelic Journal of India*, this Indian State has issued a new series of stamps consisting of sixteen denominations. These are: ¼, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 annas, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 rupees. The colors are not stated.

(*Travancore.*)—*Stamp Collecting* publishes the following: "Mr. J. Godinho writes that he is just in receipt of information that this Native State of Southern India, which for the last twenty-nine years has clung to one uniform design in her postage labels, is now on the eve of introducing a radical

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5c green.	50c carmine.
10c orange-red.	1p vermilion.
15c orange.	4p dark carmine.
20c dark brown.	10p brown.
25c blue.	

ST. VINCENT.—Unless we see the stamps we are going to call a halt on the listing of shades of the 1d with London overprint (one line) "War Stamp". The Rev. L. Meister advises us of the receipt of a new printing, just issued, brighter than the two previous shades, and he places this in order with the others as follows: 1) red; 2) red-brown; 3) scarlet. *Ewen's Weekly* chronicles a new shade as dull-red, differing from the "2nd and 3rd London overprinted issues on special printings of the 1d in deep scarlet and bright scarlet respectively." Mr. Huber's article of July 14th, gave the 1st and 2nd London issues as deep red and scarlet, respectively. We listed the London issue as carmine on June 23rd, and a darker shade on August 25th. (Where, oh, where, is that universal color chart)

We do not wish to go on record as saying it is impossible to distinguish all shades, because we are very keen for shades, but it *is* impossible to list shades and variations named by many differing authorities. This work is not for the chronicler; the best he can do is to note what the other student states, and let the makers of check-lists and writers of handbooks do the rest.

SALVADOR.—(1382-1383-1386-1391-1397) —This list of numbers refers to the editions of the WEEKLY in which chronicles of certain stamps of Salvador overprinted with an "S" have been listed. We draw attention to them at this time because we have been advised by Mr. Eugene Klein that the "S" means "Sin valor" (without value) and therefore the issues thus exploited to the detriment of the pocketbooks of purchasers are simply remainders which have been overprinted with the "S" to make them valueless and, therefore, unavailable for postage. It is probable that any cancelled copies were thus postmarked through favor and never did postal duty.

SPANISH GUINEA.—The remaining stock of the 1912 issue, Scott's type A5, has been overprinted "1917," according to the *Madrid Filatelico*. The reason for this overprint, according to our Spanish contemporary, is on account of the current issue getting so low in stock there was not enough time left in which to produce a new issue before some of the current values would be sold out, therefore the 1912 stock remaining in the Royal Mint at Madrid was ordered overprinted "1917" and dispatched to the colonies. We must admit that this is a more admirable way to provide stamps than to let some values run out of stock and then issue a lot of provisionals by surcharging new values on those denominations still in stock.

Adhesives.

1c black.	30c carmine.
2c brown.	40c rose.
5c green.	50c orange.
10c orange-red.	1p dark violet.
15c carmine.	4p lilac.
20c orange.	10p green.
25c blue.	

TRENGGANU.—*Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* chronicles the receipt of a Red Cross stamp from this protectorate. The 4c orange has been issued with the overprint "RED CROSS" in black across the top of the stamp. Probably issued in June.

Red Cross Stamp.

RED CROSS on 4c orange.

M. P. S. PROGRAM.

The following program has been arranged for the regular meetings of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society for the present season.

Nov. 16.—Home of Dr. F. A. Kraft. Exhibit, Dr. Kraft's collection of "English Shillings and Old Germans."

Dec. 14.—Annual meeting and exhibition contest at the Public Museum.

Jan. 18.—Lecture by C. E. Severn at the Public Museum.

Feb. 15.—Home of Wm. J. Uhelein, where the society will spend an evening and view the host's collection of "20,000 varieties."

March 15.—Place to be announced. Ladies' night and banquet.

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338d	1c vertical coil, perf. 8½	.20
370e	2c vertical coil, perf. 10	.30
372a	4c horizontal coil, perf. 10	.60
1916	1c horizontal coil, perf. 10	.12

Paste-up Strips of Four.

324c	2c vertical coil, perf. 12	1.00
326a	4c vertical coil, imperf.	1.00
338d	1c vertical coil, perf. 8½	.20
340c	3c horizontal coil, perf. 8½	.50
355b	1c vertical coil, perf. 10	.20
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four Guatemalan stamps issued in May, 1875.

COLUMBUS ISSUE.—The name applied to the set of stamps issued in the United States in 1893 to commemorate the discovery of America by Columbus and, incidentally, to honor the Columbian Exposition held at Chicago in that year.

COLUMBUS.—A city of Georgia having a present population in excess of 18,000. It was captured by the Federals in 1865. During the Civil War the postmaster of this city issued special 5c envelopes which served for local postage until the arrival of the regular Confederate States stamps.

COMAYAGUA.—A town in the Republic of Honduras, Central America, which was until 1880 the capital of the country. It stands on a plain at about equal distances from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The town was destroyed by Guatemala in 1827, but was rebuilt and now has a population of over 8,000. In 1877, some of the 2 reales stamps of Honduras were surcharged "medio real", "un real", and "dos reales" respectively, for use in this town.

COMB MACHINE.—A perforation machine having the pins so arranged that three sides of a stamp are perforated at once. To a long line of pins the necessary number of short rows are fixed at right angles so that at every stroke the stamps in either a vertical or horizontal row, as the case may be, are perforated on three sides. The following stroke adds the perforations to the remaining side and, of course, at the same time perforates three sides of the next row of stamps, the process being continued until the whole sheet of stamps is perforated.

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES.—Special stamps issued to commemorate some event of local, national, or historical importance. As a rule stamps of this class are in use for only a limited period and frequently they are in concurrent use with the ordinary series.

COMMERCE TYPE.—The name by which the design of the general French Colonial series of May, 1881, is known. It shows an allegorical figure intended to typify commerce.

COMMEMORATIVE SERIES.—The United States stamps issued in addition to the normal series for the purpose of commemorating some event or other have since 1901 been inscribed with the words "Commemorative Series."

COMMEMORATIVE DEL SIGLO XX.—This inscription is shown upon the three stamps issued in Peru on the 1st January, 1901, to mark the beginning of the Twentieth Century.

COMMISSION FUR RETOURBRIEFE.—An inscription shown upon the so-called return letter "stamps" of Bavaria and Wurtemberg meaning "Returned Letter Department." These labels have no philatelic significance whatsoever though they were listed in many of the old catalogues and at one time spaces were provided for them in many printed albums. On some of the labels of Bavaria the last word of the inscription is "Ruckbriefe."

COMORO ISLANDS.—A group of islands belonging to France situated to the north of the Mozambique channel, between the north-west coast of Madagascar and the east coast of Africa. The islands are all of volcanic origin with a mountainous surface, Coratola in Great Comoro reaching a height of 8,500 feet. The group consists of Great Comoro, Anjouan, Moheli (commercially the most important of the group), Mayotte and a number of smaller islands, the combined area being 620 square miles. The population numbers about 48,000 the majority of the inhabitants being natives of Arab and Malagasy or negro origin. The climate is unhealthy for Europeans. The government headquarters are at Dzandai, a small island near Mayotte. The French took possession of Mayotte in 1843 and in 1886 established a protectorate over the other islands of the group. In 1897 the islands were placed under the administration of the Governor of Reunion though each of the four chief islands issued its own distinctive stamps.

COMPA. DE MOCAMBIQUE.—An overprint applied to some of the stamps of Mozambique intended for use in the territory of the Mozambique Company. The first word is a contraction for "Companhia".

COMPANHIA DE MOCAMBIQUE.—An inscription shown upon the postage stamps issued by the Mozambique Company.

COMPAGNIE FRANCAISE DES PAPIERS-MONNAIES.—A Parisian firm of engravers and printers who produced the 2c and 5c stamps of the 1898 issue of Hayti—the only stamps of this Republic printed upon watermarked paper.

COMPANHIA DO NYASSA.—The inscription shown upon a series of labels prepared by the Nyassa Company for use in its territory but which were not issued owing to objections raised by the Portuguese Government on the ground that the stamps should have been manufactured by the Lisbon Mint and not in London as was actually the case.

COMPANHIA NACIONAL EDITORA.—(National Publishing Company.) A Lisbon firm of printers who lithographed all the stamps of the St. Anthony of Padua commemorative series of Portugal with the exception of the 2½ reis value.

COMPLEMENTARIO.—An inscription shown on the Postage Due stamps of Mexico meaning literally "to complete."

COMPOUND PERFORATIONS.—Stamps perforated horizontally by a machine of one gauge and vertically by a machine of different gauge are said to have compound perforation. Sometimes, however, compound perforation may be the work of a comb-machine when the gauge of the short lines of pins differs from that of the long row. The general rule in recording these perforations is to give the gauge at top and bottom of the stamp first and then that of the sides. Thus a stamp listed as "Perf. 10x12" would be understood to have a perforation measuring 10 at the top and bottom and 12 at the sides.

COMUNICACIONES.—An inscription shown on several of the stamps of Spain which means "Communications."

CONCH SHELL.—A watermark shown in all the stamps of the Indian Native State of Travancore.

CONCURRENT PERFORATIONS.—These are perforations of different gauges found in connection with stamps of the same issue in use at the same time. The perforations of the large pictorial stamps of Bosnia issued in 1906 will serve as an example. Here we have three different perforations used singly and in combination, but all current at the same time. Their philatelic interest is slight, for they have no bearing on the history of the stamps and simply show that machines of different gauges were in use in the printing office at the date the stamps appeared.

CONDOMINIUM.—A surcharge applied to some of the stamps of New Caledonia which had been previously overprinted "Nouvelles-Hebrides" to mark the joint government established by the French and English over these islands.

CONFEDERATE STATES.—The name adopted by the eleven states which seceded from the American Union in 1860-1 and maintained a separate existence, recognised as a separate government by most of the

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European Powers, until the close of the Civil War in 1865. The question of slavery and the problem of "slave's rights" was in dispute, the North denying the right to secede from the Union, which the South, or slave-holding States, insisted upon. The result of the war determined the position of the slaves and also the future political constitution of the United States which has become more and more a centralised form of federal government. The Confederate States were North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia and Louisiana and during their independent existence special stamps were used.

CONFED. GRANADINA.—The inscription shown on the stamps of the Granada Confederation, which formed the first issue of Colombia.

CONFE on ARGENTINA.—The inscription shown on the stamps of the Argentine Confederation, which were in use prior to the constitution of the Republic in 1862.

CONGO FRANCAIS.—The French rendering of French Congo as shown upon the stamps of that Colony.

CONGO BELGE.—An overprint or inscription shown on the stamps of the Congo State used since 1908. It means "Belgian Congo."

(To be continued.)

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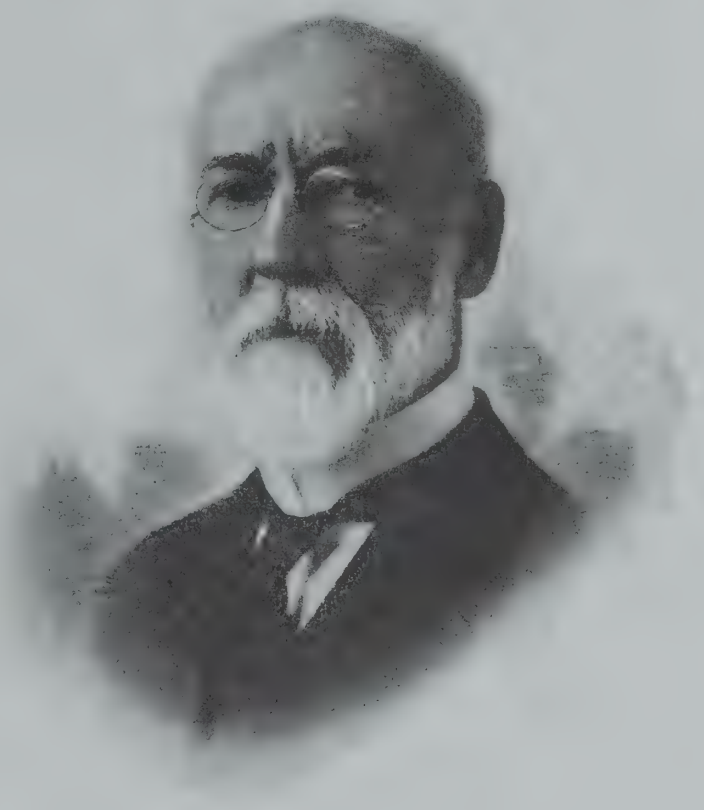
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AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK.

VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY ON TRADE CONDITIONS.

J. W. Scott, President American Phialtelic Society.



I think prevailing conditions warrant the most optimistic outlook. We are at war and probably a million of our young men will go "over there" but a very small proportion of these are stamp collectors. We have already appropriated twenty-one billions of dollars of which at least seventy-five percent. will be spent in this country. Wages are at the highest point ever known and the great majority of our people spend all they make. What better use can they put their spare cash to than making a fine collection of stamps? Perhaps we may lose many of our gallant sons, which would debar us from many forms of amusement, but stamp collecting is entirely unobjectionable under any conditions.

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11	6py lilac, 1871, good	..	.15
13	½py claret, 1872, fine	.20	.08
16	1py blue, 1883, good	..	.10
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18	4py red brown, 1883, fine	.10	.05
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In my experience of fifty-five years I have met all classes rich and poor. I recollect one, a broom pedler, who slept in a truck (with his collection) and he would prefer to starve to death rather than part with his cherished album. A large number of collectors are more or less speculators and these can be trusted to take care of themselves and do usually make a fair profit when selling. The remainder of the Worthington collection was sold for nearly half a million dollars—bought as a speculation—this would be a large sale to make of a recognized staple but there was no difficulty in disposing of this amount of stamps. It is now being sold at auction by J. C. Morgenthau Co., the first five hundred lots realized seventy-five thousand dollars. The collection will probably make twenty thousand lots.

The entire stock of the J. W. Scott Co. was bought by the first person to whom it was offered. These two items conclusively prove that there is nothing better than stamps as an investment and that the war has not had a depressing influence on the trade. The indications for the coming year are exceptionally encouraging. The season of 1917-1918 will be a banner year in the annals of Philately. The war will soon be brought to an end by the unconditional surrender of the entire German armies. The Kaiser may be willing to sacrifice the manhood of the German nation but the people are too intelligent to allow themselves to be killed for the sole benefit of the Hohenzollern dynasty. Before the end of 1918 the million American soldiers will be back on their native soil, probably without having fought a single battle.

There is but one danger before us and that is a Peace Conference before the enemy is utterly defeated. Germany must thankfully accept whatever terms the Allied Nations dictate and be left in such a condition that she will not be able to make war on Belgium for the next century.

CALLED TO ORDER.

It seems of late that several articles have been inserted in the WEEKLY and aimed at the Post Office Stamp Clerks. In particular that in the issue of Sept. 15, in the editorials under the heading "Dull," has struck me as being inspired ( ) by some one that has no idea whatever of what the stamp clerks or any other clerk in the P. O., has to contend with, and still "put on a pleasant look!" Before inserting such articles if you would inquire as to what is required of the clerks, such an article would be, in the greater part at least, materially changed, and perhaps not inserted at all. It would be rather, complimenting the Stamp-clerk for knowing as much as he does about stamps rather than a condemnation calling him "dull." Yes—he is *dull* as the following will prove him to be; for instance, taking conditions in our own office for an example:—

Our stamp and parcel post windows are combined, and the stamp clerk *must* know all about the Parcel Post Regulations, Restrictions, etc., in addition to rates on same, and prohibitions of certain articles in foreign parcel post, and with what countries it is suspended.

In addition he must run the Gen. Del. window for two and a half hours a day while that clerk is off for dinner. But—this is not all—only half of it! He must "throw" a case examination on *two* states once a year,—this necessitating the memorizing of 1500 Colorado offices and 750 New Mexico offices, where they are and how dispatched. Then there is the yearly—and in some offices—semi-yearly—examination on Postal Laws & Regulations and City Distribution. If you don't know what "throwing" a case examination is, ask any mailing clerk at any office, he can tell you, and when he is through you will probably change your mind as to the stamp-clerk being "dull" and that civil service exams should contain questions relating to stamps.

Let me tell you, Mr. Severn, by the "end of a Perfect (?) Day" a stamp-clerk is glad to get a little rest—and this rest is put in in the study of the aforementioned requirements! Instead of being "dull" as you are pleased to call it, it is a *wonder* that he knows as much about stamps as he does—for he seldom has time—or shall I call it "ambition"—to look and see if a stamp has 10, 13 or 23 Perfs.—even if he is a stamp collector and takes an interest in such things, as is my case!

There are no doubt many postal clerks among the readers of the WEEKLY—two right here in the Trinidad office—and instead of being complimented, how do you think they feel when all they see in the paper ever so often is in the way of a "knock." Can't you "lay off" of us some time? I enjoy the WEEKLY—so does my fellow-clerk but would rather not have it if it continues in such a way.

With best of fraternal feelings and trusting *you* will change your mind in regards to Postal Clerks, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
CARL O. SWANEY,
Trinidad, Colorado.

[NOTE.—Mr. Swaney makes his points tell and while no offense was intended the postal clerks, Mr. Swaney has the last (and best) word.]

HURRICANE WRECKS GRAND CAYMAN.

We are indebted to Herman Focke for a newspaper clipping giving the account of a hurricane that visited Grand Cayman Island, September 24. We quote from Mr. Focke's letter as follows:—

"I have no doubt in that stamp collectors will be interested in this bit of news from the Cayman Islands, and those who were so lucky as to get the now famous provisionals of 1908 'over the counter' will wish that no harm has befallen 'dear Gwendolyn Parsons', the then Postmistress, and her kin.

As it happens the boat which carried the bad news from Georgetown, also brought me a consignment of the new War Stamp 1½d on 2½d blue, recently chronicled, so we may rejoice in knowing that at least one important branch of the Cayman trade has not suffered in the hurricane."

GEORGETOWN, GRAND CAYMAN, BRITISH WEST INDIES, Sept. 29 (Associated Press Correspondence).—The Island of Grand Cayman was visited by the most violent hurricane in its history on September 24. Wind of great velocity, a heavy rain and giant breakers from the Caribbean sea combined in damaging shipping and property.

The property loss, exclusive of shipping, is estimated at $300,000. Two lives were lost—a watchman on a vessel in the harbor, who was swept into the sea, and an old woman who was crushed to death in the ruins of her home.

The damage to crops of all kinds, as well as that to property, was greater than in the hurricane of 1876 and the cyclone of 1903.

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1902	Iceland, 3a yellow, official	.07
1892	Mayotte, 1, 2, 4, 5c	.10
1904	Malta, 1f red brown	.03
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	6c red brown	.08
1892,	50c deep blue	.12
	8c gray	.04
1897,	Jubilee, 1c orange	.03
	Jubilee, 2c green	.05
	Jubilee, 3c bright rose	.01
1897,	Maple Leaves, ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c	.05
	Maple Leaves, 6c brown	.12
	Maple Leaves, 8c orange	.06
1898,	Numerals, ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c	.04
	Numerals, 10c brown violet	.06
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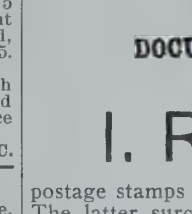
CHAPTER XXXVII.

Spanish War Series 1898, Historical.

The events leading up to the Spanish War and the war itself are so fresh in the minds of many philatelists that only the briefest reference to it is necessary here. In the night of February 15, 1898, the United States Battleship "Maine," on a peaceful mission in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, was destroyed by an explosion which most Americans then attributed and still attribute to the Spanish authorities. On April 25, President McKinley declared that a state of war with Spain had existed since April 21 and on June 13 he approved the Act of Congress which is known as the War Revenue Law of 1898.

The act became effective July 1, only seventeen days later. Two sets of stamps, one for the documentary tax and one for the proprietary tax, were prepared and issued, but there was so little time in which to prepare the dies, rolls and plates, and print the stamps that it was impossible to supply the whole country by July 1st, and for the first time in the history of United States revenue or postage stamps recourse was had to surcharging.

The $5 periodical stamp then in use was overprinted, "INT. REV.—$5—DOCUMENTARY", and the 1c and 2c



I. R. I. R.

postage stamps were overprinted "I. R." The latter surcharge stands, of course, for "Internal Revenue", but the popular war cry on everyone's lips was, "Remember the Maine", and it is not at all surprising that when writing their initials to cancel the stamps by which the war tax was paid more than a few philatelists and others, on noting the letters "I. R." would say, "yes, I Remember"!

The law closely followed the Civil War acts and the documentary taxes (Schedule A), were almost identical with those of 1862-72. The proprietary taxes (Schedule B) were at a lower rate than in the Civil War period. Then they had been about 1c on each 25c of retail value, or 4%; in the Spanish War period they were about 1c on each 40c of retail value, or 2½%. Sections 9, 24, 25 and 26 of the law contain the parts of most interest to philatelists, and attention is particularly directed to Section 24—it is so similar to the corresponding portion of the playing card act of 1894. The last sentence of Section 24 quoted evidently refers to the playing card stamps, and during 1898-1902 these were continued in use and playing cards were subject only to the same 2c internal revenue tax as before July 1, 1898. These sections are worthy of note:—

Sec. 9.—That in any and all cases where an adhesive stamp shall be used for denoting any tax imposed by this Act, except as hereinafter provided, the person using or affixing the same shall write or stamp thereupon the initials of his name and the date upon which the same shall be attached or used, so that the same may not again be used. * * *

Sec. 24.—That the stamp taxes prescribed in this Act on the articles provided for in Schedule B shall attach to all such articles and things sold or removed for sale on and after the said first day of July, 1898. Every person, except as otherwise provided in this Act, who offers or exposes for sale any article or thing provided for in said Schedule B, whether the article so offered or exposed is of foreign manufacture and imported or of domestic manufacture shall be deemed the manufacturer thereof, and shall be subject to all the taxes, liabilities and penalties imposed by law for the sale of articles without the use of the proper stamp denoting the tax paid thereon and all such articles of foreign manufacture shall, in addition to the import duty imposed on the same, be subject to the stamp tax prescribed in this Act. Provided further—That internal revenue stamps required by existing law on imported merchandise shall be affixed thereto and canceled at the expense of the owner or importer before the withdrawal of such merchandise for consumption. . . .

Sec. 25.—That the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall cause to be prepared for the payment of the taxes prescribed in this Act suitable stamps denoting the tax on the document, article, or thing to which the same may be affixed, and he is authorized to prescribe such method for the cancellation of said stamps, as substitute for, or in addition to the method provided in this Act, as he may deem expedient. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to procure any of the stamps provided for in this Act by contract whenever such stamps cannot be speedily prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but this authority shall expire on the first day of July, 1899. That the adhesive stamps used in payment of the tax levied in Schedules A and B of this Act shall be furnished for sale by the several collectors of internal revenue, who shall sell and deliver them at their face value to all persons applying for the same, except officers or employees of the internal revenue service; Provided that such collectors may sell and deliver such stamps in quantities of not less than $100 of face value with a discount of 1%, except as otherwise provided in this Act. And he may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, make all needful rules and regulations for the proper enforcement of this Act.

Schedule A—The following documentary taxes differed somewhat from those in force during the Civil War period; the others were pretty much, or identically, the same as then:—

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Schedule B—These taxes were placed on medicinal articles and preparations, also perfumery, cosmetics, etc., (matches were not taxed):—

Retail value up to 5c,	1/8c
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Sec. 26.—There shall be an allowance of drawback on articles mentioned in Schedule B of this Act on which any internal revenue tax shall have been paid, equal in amount to the stamp tax paid thereon, and no more, when exported. . . Provided, that no allowance of drawback shall be made for any such articles exported prior to July 1, 1898.

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I have every reason to believe that the optimistic tone of the following views on the trade situation will be justified as the season progresses. Even as many lines of busines will be hard hit as the war activities take on shape so the stamp trade must expect to feel the effect of the stress of the times.

However, war means new stamps and new issues closely related to the events now in the making will make recruits for stamp collecting. The appearance of the 5c red error is an illustration of the interest now taken in stamps by scores of collectors whose enthusiasm had waned. I am situated where I can sense the lively interest displayed.

Our dealers make much of the Worthington sale. They may well do so. Never before in this country has so remarkable a collection been so eagerly snapped up. The virility of the stamp business has been demonstrated in the success attending the disposition of this great property. Here are the views of some handlers of stamps who in their respective cities know the trade:—

UNITED STAMP CO., Chicago.

Taking into consideration the fact that we are in a great war and having been placed in a position where we have to fight to attain our object for humanity and democracy, the outlook for any luxuries is not so promising. Yet stamps will be the last thing to suffer any radical depression, as our experience has shown us a collector of stamps would far rather give up every other pleasure and luxury than give up his hobby of stamp collecting. This is substantiated by the fact of the unprecedented success of the Auction Sale of the Worthington Collection in New York in the month of August. It has been reported that this sale was attended by representative stamp collectors from all parts of the United States. The greatest interest was displayed in the sale of the United States stamps due to the many extreme rarities and unique pieces contained in the collection. Exceptionally high prices have been obtained for the medium grade U. S. stamps in fine condition. The whole country is becoming increasingly interested in the collecting of United States stamps due to the general use of the Marquette Sectional U. S. and Colonies Album.

The market will improve as nothing has happened to impair the integrity of investments. But conditions today are very different from what they were, notwithstanding the war hazard and the extraordinary complications growing out of the European conflict. Underlying conditions are sound, the country's resources are at record level and the margin of safety in American business is greater than at any time for many years. This country is still providing a huge department store for the rest of the world, besides acting in the capacity of the most powerful banker. It is an extraordinary interesting situation and notwithstanding the uncertainties of a war market the outlook is full of possibilities justifying an abiding optimism.

JOHN A. KLEMANN, (Nassau Stamp Co.), N. Y.

The volume of business and prices have never been so high in my recollection of twenty-four years' continuous business experience. The outlook is better than ever before. There is a great scarcity of fine material with an unlimited demand. Stamps are an untaxable investment.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Philadelphia.

Have you noticed that the daily press is almost unanimously and continuously preaching economy and urging the public to conserve finances and make no purchases whatever of luxuries?

It must be admitted that the press advice is followed out by many of its readers and that this preachment against luxuries must have a considerable effect on the general stamp business.

Yet with this huge handicap the stamp trade is more than holding its own, and I think that the lesson taught by the phenomenal success of the Worthington sale held in August, which is supposed to be the dullest month of the year, is proof positive that the stamp business is on entirely too firm a foundation to be very seriously influenced by existing conditions. As a matter of fact the demand for really fine stamps and rarities is greater than the supply and we have want lists on file that it seems almost impossible to fill. This feature of the business brings up the suggestion that we must cater more to the medium collector and beginner and the wise dealer will trim his sales to arrange his stock and endeavor to influence this very necessary class of the stamp trade.

Every stamp dealer should make it a point to try to influence some new collector or beginner and should be willing to make a few sacrifices. It should be part of the business of all dealers to do some missionary work. All dealers in the course of business accumulate more or less odd lots of very cheap stamps, or possibly stamps slightly off as to condition. These should be made up into small packets and when opportunity offers given to young collectors and occasionally a second hand album which is generally thrown away, might be given to some deserving youngster with a small lot of these stamps.

I know of several dealers who have made up small packets of stamps and had them distributed in schools in their respective localities enclosing a small leaflet about stamp collecting and the results were satisfactory. While many beginners do not always continue and make lasting stamp collectors, yet, if one out of every ten stick, it is a decided gain. It was not so very long ago when a leading magazine gave away packets of stamps to its boy readers and I am informed from good authority that many staple collectors resulted from this campaign. That experience would indicate to all dealers that if business in their locality is dull, let them do a little missionary work and put out a few hundred cheap packets in their immediate neighborhood.

The indications this early in the season point to a strong revival of stamp collecting. The demand for catalogs, albums and supplies of all kinds, as well as filling in of odd stamps here and there, illustrates the renewed interest that is being taken and I feel that we are on the eve of a very successful season. The requests for auction catalogs from our Philadelphia Stamp Co. advertising in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY has been much greater than ever before, and the advance bids being received for our next sale show unusual strength.

EUGENE KLEIN, Philadelphia.

Owing, no doubt, to abnormal business conditions, more rich men collect and buy stamps than ever before. This fact has created an unusual business situation in which the rich collector became the real competitor for rarities. This was shown to a great extent at the sale of the first part of the Worthington collection, where over $120,000 worth of stamps were absorbed in three days.

There never has been so good a market for rarities as there is now, but even low priced stamps have been selling unusually well and no doubt will continue to do so. It is noteworthy, that stamps, such as the U. S. 1847, 5c and 10c and 1851, 5c have almost entirely disappeared from the market and were absorbed in collections. Judging from present auction prices for these

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72	*	1904-7, $3 o. g.	4.00
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three stamps, a considerable advance is to be expected. No one need be surprised to see the 5c listed at $5 in the near future.

M. Ohlman, N. Y. City.

From the experiences of the Auction Season thus far, the indications point to a splendid season ahead. The Worthington Sale shows now, as in the past, that excellent United States in fine condition and blocks bring way over catalog and the catalog price is not even a guide; but this is an old story with U. S.

My last Sale October 3rd and 4th, in which one night and a half were taken up with 20th Century alone, brought excellent prices and I am pleased to say that I never before had such an excellent 20th Century Sale. Lot after lot went at nearly catalog and a great many over catalog. Most of the better grade of "hard to get stamps" brought a high percentage of catalog value, and practically all the German Colonies brought catalog or over. British Colonies and French Colonies brought a high percentage of catalog value. Many single items brought interesting prices, one of which I will mention: "The $5 1917 perf. 10 superb, used brought $4.60. To others interested in prices I would refer them to Mr. Burner's Philatelic Index.

From the "Auction standpoint" especially early U. S., Foreign and 20th Century stamps in fine condition will bring higher prices than ever this season and from the many new requests for catalogs we are receiving this season there will be a greater interest than ever in this line of philately.

Percy McG. Mann, Philadelphia.

I am most confident that a very active season is upon the philatelic world. The interest in stamps is larger than it has ever before been. This is shown by local conditions, as well as general. The local stamp club is receiving considerable attention, the meetings recently held have had larger attendances than ever before, and the enthusiasm evinced by the old timers as well as the novices is almost at a fever heat. There seems to be more money in circulation, and every one seems to realize that the money expended in stamps will go into the treasuries of the Allies and thus "do its bit" towards winning the War. The purchase of United States stamps have been large, stocks have been built up in dealers' hands, and the Government reaps the benefit as well as the dealer. The many changes in United States stamps have caused the philatelic public to hustle to keep up with them, and the varieties have been so interesting, especially the errors, that the attention of collectors has naturally been attracted to them.

There is considerable activity in the old reliables, the line engraved early issues of British Colonials, Chile, Brazil, etc., and other standard early issues which are being accumulated for plating purposes.

The sale of the Worthington collection has also stimulated the growing interest and faith in philatelic science. Seeing the heavy prices paid for desirable items, the buying public is perfectly willing to invest in fine grade goods.

A magnificent season is predicted and the buyers will be many for the standard United States and the old timers, while new issues, being "the something new which the collector must have," will come in for their share.

Former collectors are returning to the fold, while new collectors are springing up everywhere.

Fred Michael, Chicago.

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Chronicle—The controversy affecting the thirty-cent unwatermarked, perforated 10, has been followed with particular interest by specialists in our issues and we have refrained from comment merely for the purpose of not complicating the question, as an explanation that will be a full vindication of the course of Mr. Mann will duly be made by him. We had every confidence in the wisdom of the stand taken by our chronicler of new issues and it will be found that our conviction was amply justified. We can assert unqualifiedly that the thirty-cent exists perforated 10 in unwatermarked condition.

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Booklets—The third assistant postmaster general has announced books of the three cent stamps are being prepared for early issue. He says that as the new three cent rate of letter postage will curtail the sale of the one and two cent booklets, postmasters should order but one month's supply of them. A full package of stamp books numbers 540, it may be added. While on the subject of stamp booklets, it may be said that Mr. George H. Beans, Glenside, Pa., has prepared a check list of booklet varieties, which he is willing to send to those of our readers who ask for it.

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Antedated—In the course of an interesting letter from Dr. Carroll Chase, Médecin Aide Major, Hôpital Militaire No. 49, Orléans, Loiret, France, he says: "By the way, in the WEEKLY of August 25th, you say that the three cent, 1851, was the first stamp precanceled. I have some of these Wells Fargo & Co. precancellations myself and think that they are beyond suspicion but I think that there is a fair amount of proof that even earlier examples exist. If you will look up the 1847 article in the *Philatelic Gazette*, you will find a description of what is probably a little batch of 1847 'precancels' from Wheeling, Va., (now West Virginia). I do not suppose that the proof is absolute but personally, I am well convinced." We quote further, "Wish you could have had a ride with me in a French tank last week. Think that you would have enjoyed it—all but the noise." We give Dr. Chase's full address; *verb. sap.*

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Peeve—We know what Mr. H. H. Reeves' pet peeve is and so banal is it that mere prose cannot frame it. He sings: "Is He All There?

What is the fitting answer, pray,
For him who has the nerve to say
While gazing at your stamp array,
'Now tell me, please, what good are they?'

It may be cruel to think of him
As lacking some of mental vim,
But surely man's good sense is dim
When he thinks stamps a foolish whim."

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Stop—The Argentine Republic postal administration has complained to Washington of an epidemic of short paid letters that reach that country from the United States. Every now and then business men here go off at a tangent. The domestic rate applies only to Great Britain and Ireland, the Bahamas, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Dominican Republic, Dutch West Indies, Leeward Islands, Newfoundland and New Zealand.

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Seebecks—The following letter is one that we shall speak of here as it is typical of a dozen letters of the kind that we receive during the year. "I have been for some time an ardent reader of the WEEKLY and take the liberty to ask a question or two about the Seebecks and other similar stamps. Why are these and others priced many times their actual value in the catalog which is supposed to reflect the actual market conditions? In some cases a stamp which can be had for one cent is priced at a dollar or two. They are omitted from the Junior album as being rare stamps. I would appreciate any information on this subject which you can give." We can understand readily enough the confusion that our correspondent feels; and none may say that his questions are not justified by circumstances. It was a good many years ago fifteen or more, when it was discovered that there were reprints of some of the Seebecks extant and tests were given whereby the reprints could be told. The catalogue tells briefly what the characteristics of the reprints are but it is admitted that it is not the easiest task to discriminate between the originals and reprints in some instances. It was found that the originals of some of the Seebeck issues had become scarce and as the catalogue, according to its rule, does not list and price reprints of foreign countries, known originals were priced rather high in some instances, although it is not to be said unjustifiably so. It is certain that dozens of the originals of the Seebecks are very scarce and it is not to be denied that they are almost ineligible for inclusion in a junior album.

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Revenues—We are struck by the truth of an observation made by Mr. Edwin B. Hill, in a recent letter in which he admitted a penchant for Canadian revenues: "It seems strange to me that a nation whose stamps perhaps are ordinary as a rule, nevertheless will expend the genius of its designers upon the revenue stamps. Here in the United States, in Canada and in Mexico, we find the prevalent scheme is beautiful revenues." It is understood that the fear of counterfeiting is in the minds of the designers of revenue stamps and elaborate configuration is a preventive measure. The partizan of foreign revenue stamps may say with genuine enthusiasm that "the stamps are beautiful."

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Where—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who was not allowed by his mother to bring his boy friends to his home on Sunday to see his collection? Is this o. f. c. telling about Maud S. to the old-fashioned dealer whose wife did not let the neighbors know what kind of business her husband was engaged in down-town?

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Latest—What is your idea of philatelic camouflage? Is it the grimaces of the weak-eyed expert trying to find the secret mark on the two cent brown, U. S., 1873? Or would you say with Rollo that the editorial announcement in the first number of the stamp paper, "We are here to stay," hits the bull's-eye? Yet, there are those who would say that the dealer who describes a splotch cancellation as a "characterful marking" should enlist.

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Hear—It is music to our ears to read a real home-made newspaper editorial on stamps and Mr. Ziegler Sargent has favored us with a composition from the New Haven *Evening Register*, headed, "Who now 'collects stamps'?" Taking the discovery of the error as his theme, the editor penetrates the golden haze of his youthful collecting days. He knows his business even if the effects of a Homeric nod are detected in his sonorous periods. Forsooth, he demands: "Who now can distinguish 'U. S. locals' or tell an original 'Blood's Penny Express' from the copy smudged by contact with other papers in the pocket? In fine, does anyone collect stamps in the good, old-fashioned way, which required only a dollar-and-a-quarter album, the gift of camouflageous language for 'traders' and plenty of time to find the proper places for the stamps in the book." Good old enthusiast in the past, how we wish that once again you would feel the exquisite thrill that once you felt when contemplating your stamps almost twenty years ago. Collecting customs change with the times and the old-timer is rarely so reactionary as not to admit in his heart when he espouses present-day collecting that philately now is a good many laps ahead of stamp collecting of the days of yore. Of course, we must sentimentalize a bit about the good old days of collecting but for real living give us "the time, present."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—C. R. Fulmer, Boonville, N. Y., reports that communications sent to the Blue Grass Stamp Co., Winchester, Ky., remain unanswered.

—B. L. Drew, who recently disposed of his stamp business, has been seriously ill and is confined at the Chester Hospital, Cambridge, Mass. He writes us that he is on the mending hand but does not know when he will be able to leave the hospital.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Israel Prager, Carl W. Heinrici and Mrs. E. W. Oughtred.

—We desire two copies of Dec. 23, 1916, to complete files. Who of our readers will accommodate? We shall be glad to send in return some of our foreign exchanges.

—Mr. Brown of the Frank P. Brown Co. sends us a clipping from a Malden, Mass., paper, giving the particulars of a recent exhibiton of stamps at the Public Library. The stamps shown belong to Mr. Brown and a large number of people enjoyed the exhibit. It would be well if other dealers should follow the example of Mr. Brown and stimulate the public interest with stamp exhibitions.

—A meeting was held recently at the Melrose Y. M. C. A. to perfect plans for organizing a local stamp club. Collectors in the vicinity of Melrose are invited to communicate with J. W. Hyson, 62 Beech Ave. Collectors interested in forming local societies or clubs will usually find the local Y. M. C. A. not only willing but glad to co-operate.

—Three cent stamps a-plenty will be available when the new tax law increasing letter postage to three cents becomes effective November 2. For some days the Bureau has been producing 25,000,000 stamps daily of this denomination and it is expected most of the post offices throughout the country will have complete stocks on hand when the new law goes into effect.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 348.)

CONGO, FRENCH.—(See French Congo.)

CONGO, PORTUGUESE.—(See Portuguese Congo.)

CONGO STATE.—A large tract of territory in Central Africa having an area of 802,000 square miles and a population of between fourteen and fifteen millions. The natives consist of numerous tribes none of whom have yet attained a very high degree of civilisation while many still practice cannibalism. Of late years the terrible disease known as "sleeping sickness" has almost depopulated many large districts, especially in the lower Congo. When Stanley, the famous African explorer, returned from his great journey down the Congo in 1877 he succeeded in interesting Leopold, King of the Belgians, in this region and induced him to found the International Association of the Congo (Nov., 1878) with the object of exploring it and developing its commercial possibilities. In 1880, Stanley returned to the Congo and concluded commercial treaties with various chiefs and at the same time established over twenty stations on the Congo and its tributaries. From the beginning funds were supplied from King Leopold's private purse. After Stanley's return in 1874 the independence of these new territories was guaranteed by the Conference of Berlin and the country was known as the Congo Free States or Independent State of the Congo. In April, 1885, the Belgian Parliament recognised Leopold as the head of the new State, declaring at the same time the union with Belgium to be only a personal one. In 1889, King Leopold, by his will, bequeathed his sovereign rights over the Congo Free State to Belgium. The central government is at Brussels, under a secretary of state, while the local government centered at Boma, is administered by a governor-general who is responsible for civil and military affairs. Postage stamps were first issued for the use of this territory in 1885 and after the death of King Leopold in 1909 its name was changed to Belgian Congo.

CONGRESO DE LOS DIPUTADOS.—The inscription shown upon the special stamps issued for the use of the members of the Spanish Chamber of Deputies. These stamps were first issued in 1896, and were printed in rose, but in 1898 the color was changed to blue.

CONGRESSO PAN-AMERICANO.—An inscription shown upon the two special stamps issued in Brazil in 1906 to mark the third Pan-American Congress.

CONMEMORATIVA. — An inscription shown upon the "Carranza" stamp of Mexico meaning "to commemorate."

CONSIGNMENT LETTERS.—(See Control Numbers.)

CONSTANTINOPLE.—The capital of the Turkish Empire having a population of about 1,500,000 of whom 55% are Turks and the remainder Greeks, Armenians and Jews. It is a city of great antiquity having been erected in 330 by Constantine the Great on the site of the ancient Byzantium. It was originally called Konstantinopolis, and at the present time is known as Istambol to the Turks. For some years after 1873 the Turkish stamps used in this town bore a special overprint. In 1908, the Italian stamps used at the Consular Office maintained in Constantinople were overprinted with the name of the town and values in Turkish currency. In 1909, Russia followed suit by overprinting the Russian Levant stamps used at its Consular Office with "Constantinople."

CONSTANTINOPOLI.—The Italian form of "Constantinople" as shown upon the Italian stamps surcharged for use there.

CONSULAR POST OFFICES.—These are Post Offices maintained by certain European Powers in the Turkish Empire and China in connection with which special stamps are issued. As a rule the stamps of the country maintaining the office are used these being overprinted with the name of the town or country in which they are used or with values in currency similar to that in use locally.

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE COMPANY.—A New York firm of printers and engravers who are perhaps best known as the printers of the 1873 stamps for the United States. These stamps are similar in design to those produced by the National Bank Note Co., in 1870-71, but may be distinguished by the paper and colors and in the case of the 1c to 15c values, by the so-called secret marks introduced into the design. In February, 1879, this company was consolidated with the American Bank Note Co. under the name of the latter.

CONTRACT LETTERS.—(See Account Letters.)

CONTRAMARCA.—An overprint found on some of the 1899-1901 stamps of Ecuador. At one time this was considered an official control surcharge, but specialists are now inclined to class it as a bogus variety or, at best, a cancellation. The word means "Countersigned".

CONTRA SELLO.—These words are shown on the control marks applied in 1874, to the then current stamps of Salvador. The words mean "Countersigned" and they were applied to the stamps by Government orders to prevent the use for postal purposes of a large quantity of stamps which had been stolen.

CONTRASENA — ESTAMPILLAS DE CORREO.—An overprint shown on the stamps of Venezuela used during the period 1874-80, meaning "Countersigned—Postage Stamp".

CONTRATOS.—An inscription shown upon the right hand side of the design of the stamps of the first type issued in Bolivia. The literal meaning of the word is "Contracts" and it indicates that the stamps were intended for both postal and revenue purposes.

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CONTROL SURCHARGES.—These are more or less meaningless devices applied to certain stamps either with the idea of preventing theft or, after a theft has taken place, of preventing the stolen stamps being brought into use. In the former category the weird devices stamped on some of the stamps of Persia, and the catharine wheels and shields of Salvador belong; while of marks applied to render stolen stamps useless Ecuador furnishes numerous examples.

COOK ISLANDS.—The Cook or Hervey Islands are a group of six islands and nine islets situated in the Pacific Ocean about 1500 miles north-east of New Zealand. They have a total area of 280 square miles and a population of about 12,000. The natives belong to the brown Polynesian race and their speech is closely allied to the Samoan. Fifty years ago they were all fierce cannibals, but at the present time they are in an advanced state of civilisation, dressing after the European fashion and living in stone houses grouped in small townships. Rarotonga is the largest island, and the others are Aitutaki, Atin, Mangeia, Mauki, Mitiero, and the Hervey Islands proper. Aitutaki now has stamps of its own. The group was discovered by Captain Cook in 1777; it was placed under British protection in 1888; and was annexed to the British Empire in 1900. In the following year the islands were included in the boundaries of the Dominion of New Zealand. The government is administered locally under the direction of New Zealand. The first postage stamps for the Cook Islands were issued on the 29th of February, 1892.

COOK'S DISPATCH.—A local post of Baltimore in connection with which a crude label was issued for collection of the fee charged for the delivery of local letters.

COOLGARDIE CYCLE EXPRESS COMPANY.—A cycle service established in Coolgardie, Western Australia, in 1893 for the purpose of conveying special messages to Southern Cross (120 miles distant) before the telegraph line was opened. The charge for a special message was $125, but letters were also carried at a much smaller charge. In 1894 the service was extended and in 1895 a regular cycle mail was maintained over a route of some 200 miles. In 1895 and 1896 special stamps were issued for the prepayment of the messages these ranging in value from 6d to 5s. In December, 1896, the cycle post was suppressed as the government had by then established a regular mail service over the different routes.

CORBOULD, EDWARD H.—An English artist, son of Henry Corbould, who was born in 1815 and died in 1905. He made the drawing for the New South Wales 5s stamp first issued in 1860, and the design of the 5d, 6d, 8d and 1s stamps of the 1854 issue for the same colony is attributed to his brush. He also made water color drawings of the portrait of Queen Victoria, from the original of Mr. A. E. Chalon, which were used on the first stamps of New Zealand, Ceylon, St. Helena, and Natal.

CORBOULD, HENRY.—An English artist born in London in 1787. He was commissioned to make the drawing of Queen Victoria's portrait from Wyon's medal which was produced on the first British stamps.

CORDOBA.—A province of the Argentine Republic ranking next to Buenos Aires in population and importance. It has an area of 62,160 square miles and a population of about 450,000. In October, 1858, this province issued its own distinctive 5c and 10c stamps.

II. The new standard of currency adopted in Nicaragua in 1914, the "cordoba" taking the place of the peso.

COREA.—This country, which was the bone of contention in the war between China and Japan (1894-95), and again in the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-5, is an empire consisting chiefly of a peninsula to the north-east of China between the Yellow and Japan Seas. It has an area of about 80,000 square miles and a population of between ten and twelve millions. Confucianism and a corrupt form of Buddhism, mingled with spirit and ancestor worship may be said to be the religion of the country. The people are, however, rather superstitious than religious. The Coreans are, for the most part, tall, robust and good-looking being a mixture of the Caucasian and Mongolian races. Their language is Turanian with a large admixture of Chinese words. They are idle, unprogressive, and uneducated, and the commerce and administration of the country is mainly in the hands of the Japanese. Corea owes its civilisation and arts, such as they are, to China, who introduced writing and Buddhism into the country early in the Christian era. In the Chinese Yuan dynasty, Corea was a vassal of China and took part in Kublai Khan's disastrous expedition to Japan at the end of the 13th century. In 1392, the present dynasty was founded and the country was called Cho-sen. In 1592-7 the Japanese invaded the country, but were driven out by the Chinese. In 1894 China's inaction led to her war with Japan and the latter's declaration of the independence of Corea. The king assumed the title of Emperor in 1899, and re-named the country Taihan. At the end of 1903, Russia was all-powerful in Corea, but as a result of the Russo-Japanese War, the country came under Japanese influence, and by the Portsmouth treaty it was formally made a suzerainty of Japan. The first postage stamps for use in Corea appeared in 1885. On April 1st, 1905, Corea signed an agreement with Japan giving the latter country control of its postal, telegraph, and telephone systems, and as a result of this agreement Corea's distinctive labels were discontinued in favor of the ordinary stamps of Japan.

COREA, JAPANESE P. O.—(See Japanese Corea.)

COREE.—The French rendering of Corea as shown upon the 1902 and 1903 stamps of that country which were manufactured in Paris.

CORISCO.—(See Elobey, Annobon and Corisco.)

CORNER LETTERS.—These were letters running in alphabetical sequence introduced into the lower angles of the first postage stamps issued in Great Britain as an extra safeguard against forgery. In 1858 letters were placed in all four corners, those in the upper angles being the same as those in the bottom corners, but in reverse order. This system of lettering the stamps was not entirely discontinued until the King Edward stamps made their appearance in 1902.

CORNWELL'S POST.—A local post of New York, established in 1850, with its office in Madison Square. Stamps were issued in connection with this post though these bore no indication of the value at which they were sold.

COROMINA, BARTOLEMEO.—A Spanish engraver who engraved the dies for the Spanish stamps issued in 1850, 1851, and 1852, as well as several of the later portrait stamps of the 1867-70 period.

"CORPS EXPEDITIONNAIRE FRANCO-ANGLAIS CAMEROUN."—A surcharge applied to certain stamps of Gabon in 1915, for use in the German territory of the Cameroons captured by the French and British. It means "French and British Cameroons Expeditionary Corps."

CORREIO.—An inscription shown upon most of the early stamps of Portugal meaning "Postage" or "Post Office".

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THANKS.

The editor of this department wishes to express his many thanks to those who have contributed information for the benefit of the readers of the WEEKLY. This week's Chronicle is noticeably replete with interesting information contributed by subscribers, every one of whom have our sincere thanks. Our only regret is that space does not permit us to enlarge many of the features into lengthy discussions, it being necessary to shorten most of the information into as small a space as possible, without losing the sense of the data, in order to list every item that comes to our notice. This is your department and we want readers to use it to the advantage of all, but spare us the dotty varieties on account of the lack of space to properly take care of them here. Write up your discoveries, and your studies in connection with them, for special articles to be taken care of by the Managing Editor, who will look after your mss. if you send it to him. This is a New Issue Department and again we thank all who contribute to its completeness.

NEW U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

The Managing Editor takes the liberty of inserting the following news matter in this department, believing it to be of more than ordinary interest and there being insufficient time to send the letter on to Philadelphia for dispositon. Allen S. Davenport, Yonkers, N. Y., submits a letter he has just received from the Treasury Department and we have only to quote from the same in order to furnish all the information available. The communication signed by Deputy Commissioner G. E. Fletcher reads as follows:

(1). Documentary stamps will be issued in the following denominations: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25, 40, 50, 80 cents; $1, $2, $3, $5, $10, $30, $60, $100, $500 and $1,000. These stamps will supersede all previous issues except occasionally for use in stamping some document which was executed under a previous law and should have been stamped at the time of execution.

(2). There will be no Proprietary stamps issued, nor any former issues used.

(3). A special stamp is being prepared for Playing Cards, in one denomination only, 7 cents.

(4). Wine stamps issued under the Act of 1916 will continue in use.

(5). A special stamp is being prepared for Parcel Post packages, in the denominations of 1, 2, 3 and 4 cents.

UNITED STATES.—(1398)—Re 30c unwatermarked perforated 10: The editor chronicled this stamp in the issue of September 15th, but doubt was cast upon it being a bona fide variety, not only by collectors but by the Post Office Department and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It is only necessary to state here that the New Issue Editor will not make any mistake when he *sees* a stamp, but should he, he will be the first one to rectify an error of statement.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that we took the matter up with the Government officials, by visiting Washington, where United States stamps are ground out so fast that it is next to impossible to see everything that is produced. In the present case, the 30c unwatermarked perforated 10 stamps were regularly issued without the Postoffice Department and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing ever seeing them, therefore there was no record of them as being what they are, until we showed an entire sheet of them to the Assistant Director of the Bureau, and he in turn showing them to the various heads of the divisions and to Director Ralph.

Mr. Frank E. Ferguson, the Assistant Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, knew the sheet shown him was unwatermarked and perforated 10 the minute he saw it. He set the wheels of the Bureau in motion to find out how the variety occurred, but it can be stated that it is one of those unaccountable issues that once in a while will happen. Immediate action also was taken in notifying the Post Office Department that the Bureau acknowledged that they had produced the stamps; this was done by Mr. Ferguson, who called Mr. Fitch, Superintendent of the Division of Stamps, by telephone and explained to him that some 30c stamps existed unwatermarked and perforated 10, that the Bureau *had* produced them but had no record of the issue other than the fact that they were without doubt produced in a regular manner and issued along with regular stock. The telephone conversation was confirmed by letter.

This value completes the series unwatermarked perforated 10, which otherwise, until this time, had been excluded.

Adhesive.

Unwmkd. Perf. 10.

30c vermilion.

Mr. Webster C. Rich submits for our inspection a pair of 2c stamps, series of 1908, inscribed "TWO CENTS" without figures of value, double line U S P S watermark, *perforated 11.* After careful examination we have come to the conclusion that the perforating was done by the current perforating machines of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. We have submitted the pair of stamps to the Bureau, asking for information whether any old stock of imperforate stamps remaining in the Bureau had recently been perforated by the new 11 machines or whether a lot of imperforated stamps had been returned to the Bureau to be perforated. The results of our enquiries will be published in due season.

Mentioning perforations recalls to mind that a large lot of 1c stamps with compound perforation 10x12 was recently shown to us. These were all on parts of original covers. Although very well perforated, some in pairs and blocks of four, we were able to pronounce immediately, after an examination, that the perforations were applied by a private party or parties to imperforate stamps. The lot was quite a large one and the prices asked for them were also quite large, so we wish to warn collectors to beware of these fakes. The Editor is prepared to pass upon any of the compound perforations.

Mr. Eugene Tilleux, Jr., is using 1c stamps with a purple overprint "Germany". These are pasted to his mail in addition to the regular postage; but we fail to get the idea. There is nothing official about the overprint and like the 1c with overprint "WAR STAMP", they are in a category by themselves—a joke.

(1397)—Inquiries reach us as to how the imperforate errors were issued. We made enquiry at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and were informed that during the period of printing 2c stamps from plate number 7943 (containing the three 5c errors) some of this printing went into the imperforate stock and was regularly issued along with other imperforate stamps. So the error may turn up with Schermack perforation, as the imperforate sheets from the flat plates are primarily issued for making into coils for use in private affixing machines. There is nothing strange about the issue, other than the strange fact that the errors were actually but unknowingly produced. Some of the imperforate sheets with the errors have turned up in both the East and West, therefore the quantity of them must be a fair sized one and must be included in the total of 49,563 sheets of the errors printed. Deducting the imperforate from the total, it means that there are still less of the perforated than originally accounted for.

(1399)—Mr. T. J. Eppes and Mr. Eugene Tilleux, Jr., show us a number of the Liberty Bond advertising cancellations. We now have the Boston one in a rectangular frame, whereas the first Boston, listed on October 13th, was of flag formation. We have "Hudson Term. Sta." No. 1 and No. 2, the same as the other New York marks listed last week. Chicago's mark is similar to the New York ones, "BUY NOW," etc. Washington is using two different marks as used during the 1st Loan campaign, instead of one old one as previously announced, they differ as to setting although worded the same, and the new one. New York, Station P, is using one like the other New Yorks.

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1911, 391-395, fine, used ..... .20
1912, 402-411, fine, used ..... .40
1914, 412-413, fine, used ..... .15
1915, 414-420, fine, used ..... .30
1917, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 17, 25c used .25
1900 Officials, 6 var., used ..... .30
Transvaal 1896, 166-174 cplt., mint, o.g. .90
GEO. J. CARTER,
265 Halsey Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(1398)—In our Chronicle of October 13th, we mentioned that Dr. Twachtman had an envelope with the 1c die printed over the 2c, but we failed to mention that both were the oval stamps. Mr. Herbert W. Marston (before seeing our Chronicle of the above) submitted for our inspection a similar piece, but, in this instance, the 1c oval stamp is over the 2c circular stamp, and to the left. These items are most extraordinary and interesting and unaccountable, and both are probably unique. It is not unusual to see two impressions of the same die, either 1c or 2c, though even these are not plentiful, but to see the 1c over the 2c is weird. It may be that some (or perhaps only one at a time) 2c envelopes became mixed with plain envelopes and then went through the press to receive the 1c stamp. And, speaking of envelopes, we have never had any comment or information about the 1c oval die printed in red as chronicled in our issue of July 14th.

Mr. E. S. Jamieson shows us a 2c envelope with stamp in such a pale color that it was evidently produced by a die that was not re-inked after having made the preceding impression in full color. The stamp is of the oval type.

AITUTAKI.—Mr. Martin W. Hoose writes: "I have been quite interested in the discussion as to whether the 6d issue for Aitutaki, overprinted on the New Zealand King Edward issue, was necessary or speculative. Some have claimed that the stamps never reached Aitutaki. Now I have in my possession a cover from that island which was mailed and registered there and bears the postmark of intermediate offices. So the stamp has done legitimate postal duty. A few of the stamps, at least, must have been on sale in Aitutaki to the public and I, therefore, consider the issue a legitimate one."

ANTIGUA.—(1396)—The ½d stamp overprinted "WAR STAMP" in red, same type as the black overprint, has been issued, and a copy is shown us by Mr. J. A. Galbraith.

War Stamp.
Overprint in red.
½d green.

The paper is medium white wove with opaque watermark, the gum colorless.

BAHAMAS.—(1392)—Mr. Eugene Klein has shown us a copy of the 1st type Special Delivery stamp, used on cover, with double overprint, one *inverted*. The stamp is cancelled Nassau, June 19, 1917. The copy shows "SPECIAL DELIVERY" regularly overprinted, with the same words inverted beneath this, the inverted impression being not so heavily printed as the normal.

Mr. Harry E. Huber writes with regard to the 1st type Special Delivery stamps as follows:

You have mentioned twice in commenting on these stamps that the first printing of 600 and the second printing of 6000 were done at one time. (We can assure Mr. Huber that our mentions do not state emphatically that such was the case, as we worded our remarks so that they would be open to correction if the proof appeared. Mr. Huber's further words will straighten the matter out in the minds of the WEEKLY readers. —Editor.) This is not so—the setting is different. The type was evidently taken down and distributed after the first 600 stamps were run off—and then when the reprint was made of 6000, in January of this year, it was necessary to make it up again.

I make this statement for the reason that I have a block of ten (first two vertical rows, at the left of the sheet, showing plate 1 in the lower left corner —margins are attached on all three sides) from the first printing—which was done in 1915, December—though you take exception to this point also, but give no reason. (For the reason that plate 2 stamps were not supposed to have been used for the 1915 overprinting, as our contemporary's words would indicate.—Editor.)

I have also a pair of this same stamp, from the second printing (1917) taken from the lower left corner—margins are attached at left and bottom—this also shows plate 1. And the setting of the overprint on these two stamps differs from the complementary stamps of my block of ten.

I do not mean that the overprint difference is sufficient to make it appear as a separate number in the catalogue—for as you know almost every stamp of the 60 differs in the positioning of the letters of the two words.

On the first printing the "V" of "DELIVERY" is directly under the "C" of "SPECIAL", on all five stamps of the first vertical row; it varies on the stamps of the second row; the first stamp of the second vertical row shows the "V" directly under "C", but in the four other stamps of this row the "V" moves over to the left, between "E" and "C".

The second printing pair shows the left stamp with the "V" between the "C" and "I" (underneath, of course, you understand), and the right stamp of the pair shows the same setting.

This, you will see, proves conclusively that the same setting was not used for the two printings, and while doubtless it would be impossible to tell single copies of the two prints apart (save with accompanying margins—the stamps would have to be from the same location), the material I have shows the facts to be as I have given them above.

(It would be interesting to our readers to hear from Mr. Huber regarding the way his block of ten stamps of the December, 1915, 600 printing came to him. We are perfectly willing to have these technicalities straightened out, and will willingly correct any errors of statements we may make. Mr. Huber has clearly stated that there are two settings of the type, which, naturally, indicate two printings.—Editor.)

CANADA.—(1396)—Mr. Wentworth F. Gantt, noting our chronicle of the 3c Confederation commemorative and the statement that the picture on it is taken from Harris E. Plinting's painting, writes: "I have at present a picture of this painting, which says that it is by Robert Harris. I have inquired at the City Library about it and they tell me that they find no trace of either man but are under the impression that Plinting is an engraver."

We are inclined to believe that Robert Harris is the artist who painted the "Fathers of Confederation", as the newspaper despatch from Ottawa, published in our issue of July 21st stated that the new stamp would have an engraved "reproduction of Harris' painting." And we believe the newspaper despatch reproduced in our issue of July 28th contained an error of transmission and printing. We copied the clipping faithfully, but it may be that the typesetter for the newspaper which printed the despatch had improper despatch copy to write the article from. The despatch from Ottawa may have been "Harris' painting 'Fathers of Confederation'" instead of "Harris E. Plinting's 'Fathers of Confederation'." We would be pleased to have our Canadian correspondents put the matter right.

Mr. Gerald Mongeon informs us that his inquiries brought the information from the authorities that the Confederation stamp would only be on sale for three or four months. Mr. Mongeon, also informs us that the stamps are printed in sheets of two hundred, which are then divided into panes of fifty stamps each, and that the plate number only occurs once in the plate, being under the stamps in the lower left pane of fifty.

(1395)—Mr. E. A. Smith shows us a new advertising cancellation from Halifax, N. S. It reads: "Red Cross Exhibit War Trophies Halifax Armouries Oct. 17 to 24" in four lines.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—Mr. Harry E. Huber hears that there will probably be a regular 1½d stamp issued for the Caymans, which will eliminiate further surcharges for the war stamps. Mr. Huber informs us that this may or may not come to pass.

Advertising Chat

—The WEEKLY greets you with a special number that carries with it a strong witnessing to the virility of the stamp trade. This issue is a twelve-page number that will be perused with marked interest. We believe that the coming season will be a busy one for the trade, and those dealers who use our columns will not lack for patronage.

—Turning our pages this week one is reminded of the wide variety of offerings and there is little conflict between the several advertisements. The Phillips' page will be eagerly scanned. This firm uses 4,000 lines of space this year and if you want to duplicate the firm's contract, write us.

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—Quite frequently an auction advertisement appears in the WEEKLY. This time the Atlas Stamp Co. takes a quarter page and our readers are given the privilege of naming the prices they are willing to pay on the stamps offered. Mr. Percy C. Smith, the manager of the Company, has just been selected president of the Somerville Philatelic Society.

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

CHINA.—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Monthly List* states that advice reaches them of the impending issue of a $20 stamp, to take its place with the current Republican issues.

FIJI.—(1384)—Mr. R. R. Freshwater shows us the War Stamp variety, pair, one without overprint, as mentioned in our Chronicle of July 7th.

War Stamp.
Overprint in black.
1d red, var., pair, one without overprint.

FRANCE.—Latest arrivals of the 5c green stamp from this country show them to be in a much lighter green than formerly.

(1395)—The second value to appear in the Charity Postage series is chronicled by *Champion's Bulletin*. It is of the same design as the 15c+10c chronicled by us in the September 22nd issue.

Adhesive.
5c light blue-green.
Charity Stamp.
25c+15c pale blue.

FRENCH GUINEA.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the new 15c which has been issued to accommodate the new postage rates in effect. It is of the picture type, Scott's type A6.

Adhesive.
15c br.-violet and cinnamon.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—(1399)—Simultaneously with the new issue, chronicled last week, new postage due stamps were issued. These are of Arabesque design with a numeral in the center and the

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word "MAROC" at the top. The inscription "Timbre-Taxe A Percevoir" appears in a circle around the numeral. At the bottom the same inscriptions appear in Arabic. They are chronicled by *Champion's Bulletin.*

Postage Dues.

1c black.	20c green.
5c blue.	30c vermilion.
10c brown.	50c brown-violet.

The 5c, 10c, 15c, 50c, 1f, 2f, 5f and 10f listed last week are oblong and perforated 14x13½, instead of being upright rectangular and perforated 13½x14. The rest of the series is as stated last week.

GABON.—(1372)—Mr. Gerald Mongeon shows us a variety of the Red Cross stamp chronicled on April 14th. In "EQUATORIALE" the "U" is so printed that it looks exactly like a "J" and the word reads: "EQJATORIALE." It would be interesting to know whether this variety occurs on the stamps regularly, in both the ordinary and red cross issues.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(1396)—We have now seen the so-called new die ½d as mentioned in our Chronicle of Sept. 29th. The large colorless space on the neck is a good test for locating the new variety.

HAYTI.—(1394)—Mr. A. W. Dunning writes: "Your readers may be interested to know that amongst other unlisted varieties I have used copies of Hayti Nos. 66 and 137 with the 'GL. O. Z.' overprint. Have any of your readers seen genuinely used copies of Nos. 219 to 234 and 242. I never have. A little light on this 1915 issue of Hayti would be of interest."

1914 Provisionals.

GL. O. Z. overprint on 1899 issue.
5c pale blue.
Same, on 1906 issue.
1c de g blue.

HONDURAS.—(1397)—Mr. C. Utermark writes: "Referring to chronicle of Honduras No. 127 printed on both sides. This cannot be a very recent discovery, for in 1913 an eastern dealer, I do not remember who, sold me a used copy of this stamp for 49 cents; perhaps it was a bargain or remnant sale. I believe the WEEKLY also mentioned such a stamp under their new issue heading about that time."

This is very likely. We can only hope that we will be editor of new issues for a long period, in order that we will be able to refer to our personal chronicle of any varieties that have and will be submitted.

INDIA.—(*Bundi*)—(1399)—Last week we stated on the authority of two contemporaries that a new series was being issued. Whitfield King & Co. in their *Monthly List* state that this seems to be incorrect, but that there have however been a number of new values added to the current set. They have received the following as shown in the list below. They also hear of the issue of 2½a, 10a and 12a, 2r, 3r, 4r and 5r stamps but have not as yet seen them. The design is the same as the 1915 issue. The 8a is coming in a new color, vermilion in place of the original orange.

Adhesives.

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3a brown.
6a light blue.
8a vermilion.

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IVORY COAST.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the 15c in the picture type, Scott's type A5.

Adhesive.

15c orange and rose.

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY.—(1394)—The Red Cross stamps mentioned in our chronicle of Sept. 15th have been issued, according to *Champion's Bulletin.*

Red Cross Stamps.

Stamps of 1911 overprinted a Red Cross and the date "31.7.17."

2½r gray.
10r yellow-green.
20r gray-lilac.
50r brown.
75r lilac.
100r blue on blue.
700r violet on buff.

SIERRA LEONE.—(1397)—We wish to admit that we made a mistake in producing our remarks about a duty plate in the issue of October 6th. Please delete the entire chronicle under Sierra Leone of that date. We were temporarily confused into thinking that the duty plate contained the figures of value only, forgetting for the instant that the duty plate also contains the name of the country. Mr. Huber kindly called our attention to the matter.

SINKIANG.—(1397)—*Whitfield King & Co.'s Monthly List* states that the $2, $5 and $10 Chinese Republican stamps have been overprinted for use in this province and that the $20 stamp to be issued for China will also be added to the set when issued.

TRINIDAD.—Mr. F. H. Hurley writes: "I am submitting for your chronicle something I have never seen listed. The second stamp of the two seems to be printed from the same plate as the 1d carmine, No. 100. The characteristic difference seems to be in the lighting of sea and sky, which difference is obtained by the thinning and breaking of the horizontal lines. Other differences that may be noted do not obtain throughout all the duplicates I have seen."

Mr. Hurley refers to Scott's No. 86, type A8. In what he shows as variety I, the sea and sky is represented by lines which are strong throughout without a break in any of them. In his variety II, the lower lines representing the sky and the lower lines representing the sea are thin, broken and irregular. The difference may be accountable to worn plates, but we have some very finely printed copies of Mr. Hurley's variety II and the differences are as stated. In our personal reference collection we find both varieties I and II, but Mr. Hurley's variety II as submitted seems to be a sub-variety of this type; at the horizon at the right, between the first two lines representing the sea, we find three crosses in this position "X XX", and on the same stamp we note the shading on the right side of the spear point is incomplete, the lines of the sky running right into the spear point. The varieties II in our reference collection do not show these variations. The differences in the lines of the sky and sea are as much Die Varieties as the well known Victoria head Dies, but we have only mentioned the sub-variations for reference, and not with the idea of claiming catalogue rank for them.

UPPER SENEGAL & NIGER.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the new 15c called into being on account of the raise of letter postage. It is of a type with the current series, Scott's type A4.

Adhesive.

15c violet-brown and orange.

PREMIUM OFFERS --- FINE STAMPS FREE

Any ONE of the following 12 premium offers will be given FREE with an order of $3. or more from this list. TWO with an order of $10. or more. This offer is special being the only premium offer we have made in months, and is made to induce new buyers to give us a trial. However, we do not bar the thousands of our old friends who have bought of us for years from taking advantage of the offer. Good only for this list and our prices are just the same as if no premium were given. It's been a long time since such a desirable lot of medium priced stamps were offered:

1 U. S., Eagle Carrier No. 802* ..... Cat. $1.25
2 U. S., 1914, Proprietary Rev. 2c* Postage Paper (rare) ..... ?
3 U. S., 1917 Rev. $2 green (revenue paper) ..... ?
4 U. S., 1914, Rev. $2 green postage paper ..... ?
5 Switzerland 1914, 3, 5, 10frs (beauties) ..... Cat. 1.15
6 Transvaal 1904, 5sh violet & black ..... Cat. 1.50
7 Transvaal 1904, 10sh violet and black ..... Cat. $2.00
8 Union of South Africa, 10sh green and blue ..... Cat. 2.00
9 Macau, No. 142 or 143 (either one) ..... ?
10 Nicaragua, Nos. 943 to 951* ..... Cat. 2.87
11 Paraguay 1890, 5 on 15c, No. 317* ..... Cat. 2.00
12 Ecuador 1906, 3 on 5c* ..... Cat. 2.00

HIGH VALUES, ETC.

There are a fine lot of high values, etc., offered in this adv., stamps that are "hard-to-get" and which few dealers have in stock. Look it over carefully and remember that big discounts do not always mean a bargain. There are many bargains in this list, lots of them. If you do not see what you want here let us know and perhaps we can help you. Our monthly Bargain List will quote you a host of other offers not given here. It's free for the asking and every live collector should have it. We have one of the largest general stocks of stamps in America and solicit a trial.

Condition, Etc. **All stamps in good average to fine condition. Any not O. K. can be returned. This sign (*) means unused. Most of the unused stamps can be supplied in pairs, strips or blocks at same ratio as singles.**

Abyssinia 1905, 5c, No. 54 .60 .25
Abyssinia 1909, 2g blue ..... .20 .09
Abyssinia 1909, 4g red & grn. .40 .19
Abyssinia 1905, 10 on ½g, No. 51b* 6.00
Abyssinia '05, 5c on 16g*, No.55 5.00 2.40
5c on 16g*, No. 56.. 5.00 2.40
Abyssinia 1pi on ½g*, No. 79..15.00 7.25
We have other varieties of this country.
Argentine 1899, 20 peso (perf.letters) .33
Argentine 1908, 12c buff* .... .75 .33
'10, Jub.50c red &bl. .50 .22
'12,20 peso (perf.letters) .65
Austrian Lev. '00,5p on 1k red .10 .04
10p on2k gray .40 .19
Bolivia 1866, 50c blue, No. 6* Perfection mint copies. 30.00 13.50
Bolivia 1866, 50c blue*, superb blk. of 6. A gem....180.00 110.00
Bolivia 1899, 1b gray violet*.. .75 .33
Bolivia 1909, 1b brown & blk.* 1.25 .55
Bolivia 1909, 2b brown & blk.* 2.00 .95
Bolivia 1911, 5c on 20c* 5.00 2.25
Bolivia 1913, 8c yellow* ..... .08 .03
'13, 50c violet* ..... .25 .12
Brazil 1913, 10r to 1,000,000r* Face about $460.* We have 1 set 88.00
China 1912, No. 129, or 130 each .07
'13, Jub.,20c* brn.,No.168 .35 .18
China 1913, Jub., $2, No. 171*.... 1.75
China 1913, 7, 8, 16, 20, 30,50c,$1 .75 .27
China 1913, $2 blue & black .. 1.00 .48
Turkestan (rare used)
China 2, 3, 4, 10c ..... .35
20c brown, No. 513 ..... .35
Colombia 1903, 10p, No. 299.. 3.00 1.25
Colombia 1903, 10p, No. 288.. 3.00 1.25
Colombia Nos. 346 to 348b*..... 1.95
Colombia 1p brown, No. 356.. .40 .18
Colombia 1914, 5p red & black 2.50 1.20
'14, 10p blue & blk. 4.00 1.95
Colombia 1904, 5p, No. 558* .. 2.50 1.10
Colombia 1904, 5p, No. 559* .. 2.50 1.20
Colombia '09, 10p brn.,No.708*17.50 6.25
Colombia Antioquia, No. 405* 1.25 .43
Colombia Bolivar 1899, 1c, No. 61 scarce. (Yvert&Tellier$2) .95
Colombia Bolivar, 10p, No. 68d*.. 2.50
Bolivar, 10p, No. 87*.. .95
Congo 1894, 25c yell. & blk.* .25 .11
Congo 1894, 50c grn. & blk.* .25 .12
Congo 1908, 5c, 10c* ..... .35 .15
Congo 1908, 1fr, No. 37a ..... .75 .33
Congo 1908, 5frs red &blk.fine 2.00 .95
1908, 5frs, No. 39a 1.75
Congo 1908, 10frs grn. & blk. 2.00 .98
1908, 10frs, No. 40a 3.25
Congo 1909, 50c olive & blk. .50 .25
1910, 1fr red & black .25 .12
U.S.Virgin Is. Danish W.Ind.No.1 2.25
3c red, No. 2* 1.00
U.S.Virgin Is. 1873, 5c* ..... .25
7c or. & violet* .25
Denmark 1912, 5k red ..... 1.25 .55
1915, 5k red ..... 1.25 .58
Egypt 1914, 50m violet (Pic.) .30 .11
Egypt 1914, 100m black (Pic.) .65 .22
Egypt 1914, 200m plum (Pic.) (fine) a good stamp.. 1.25 .55
Ecuador 1897, 5s blue, No.110a... 1.25
1897,5s blue, No. 112 4.00 1.75
Ecuador 1906, 3c on 5c**.... 2.00 .68
1906, 3c on 20c* .... 3.00 .95
Ecuador 1897, Nos. 756-762* Very Special 20.25 4.95
Soudan Pictorials (camels)
Soudan 1898, 2p blue & black.. .20 .08
Soudan 1898, 5p brown & green .50 .22
Soudan 1902, 2p blue & black.. .20 .07
Soudan 1902, 5p brown & green .40 .19
What else in Soudan?
Epirus Nos. 15 to 22* 1.45
1914, 5dr, No. 22* .... 1.65 .75

FRENCH COLONIES.

Do not look for large discounts on these, they are not to be had. It's about the "hardest-to-get" stuff in the market today, and we offer some nice stamps below.

Fr. China 1900, 25 on 1fr, No. 813 2.50
Fr. China 1903, 5 on 15c* ..... .38
Fr. China 1907, 10 on 25c..... .07
Fr. China 1907, 20 on 50c ..... .08
Fr. China Canton 1906, 15c ..... .30
Canton 1908, 25c, 50c.. .12
Fr. China Canton '08, 75c red & blk. .12
Yunnan Fou 1906, 75c*. .98
Indo China '07, 35c grn.& blk. .14 .06
'07,50c red & blk. .20 .07
Middle Congo '16,RedCross 15c* red & blue.. 2.00 .78
Obock 1894, 5frs red & blue* 1.58
1894, 10frs orange & vio.* 2.98
Senegal 1906, 25c blue & rose .. .07
1906, 35c yellow ..... .15
Senegal 1913, 35c orange & viol. .06
1913, 1fr violet & black .20
Somali Coast '94, 30c rose &brn.* .19
1902, 5c green* .... .13
Port Said 1900, 25c on 10c rare stamp 2.88
Zanzibar 1904, 25c on 2a on ½ on 5c No.1755, another scarce 1 2.98
Tunis 1906, 2frs brown & green.. .28
1906, P.P. 2frs red & blue.. .07

Selections of Fr. Col., etc., sent on app. to interested parties.

Ger.China 1906, 20 on 40pf ..... .09
1906, 40 on 80pf ..... .17
Honduras 1912, 1c or., No.140* 3.00 1.35
'13, 2 on 1c,No.141a* 3.00 1.35
Honduras '13, 6 on 1c, No. 148* .30 .11
'15, 5c on 10c,No.173 1.00 .33
Honduras 1916, 1c or., No. 182* (Yvert & Tellier cat. $5) 1.50
Honduras '13,Off.20on50c,No.299* 1.00 .33
10 on 20c, No.300* 3.00 1.35
Japan 1908, 10 yen violet .... .30 .13
1914, 5 yen green ..... .10
Liberia 1880, 12c yellow* ..... .50 .11
Mexico 1880, 24c red* ..... .50 .12
Mexico 1910, 1p blue & black* .75 .33
1910, 5p red & black* 3.75 1.55
Mexico 1915, 5p, No. 454* 9.25
Mexico 1908, Nos. 805 to 809* 3.75
We have a large variety of both 19th and 20th Mexico. What do you want?
Netherlands 1899, 5gld claret A good stamp.. .35 .42
Dutch Ind. 1902, 15c, No. 48a .30 .09
Dutch Ind. 1908, 22½c brn.&ol. .15 .05
'11, Nos. 201a,202a, 204a, 207a, 209a*. All unused, fine.. 5.00 1.38
Nicaragua Some scarce ones here.
Nicaragua '12, 35c grn.&brn.* .50 .19
Nicaragua 1912, 1p orange*.. .50 .18
1912, 2p green* .. 1.00 .35
Nicaragua '04, 5c red,No.436* 2.00 .78
15 on 10c,No.442 3.00 .95
Nicaragua 15c blue,No.440* 5.00 1.75
20c brn., No. 445 2.00 .69
Nicaragua 50c lake, No. 447 5.00 1.58
2p ver., No. 449* 7.50 2.75
Nicaragua 15 on 10c,No.441* 1.75 .48
Nicaragua '10,50c grn.,No.530* 1.50 .48
Nicaragua 1p yell., No. 531* 2.00 .58
2p rose, No. 532* 3.00 .78
Nicaragua 1912, Locomotive, 1,2,3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35, 50c*, 550-561 .... 2.30 .88
Nicaragua 1912, 1p or.*No.562 1.00 .37
'12, Nos. 1017-1025* .. .58
Panama '78, 10c bl.,No.6,sup.20.00 8.75
Panama '03, 20c vio., No. 70* 1.00 .39
Panama '03, 50c brn., No. 81* 1.00 .28
Panama '13, 2½c grn.* Jub. .35 .15
Panama '03, 20c No.321 rare* 5.00 2.40
What else in Panama?
Paraguay '07, 5p red & black 1.00 .49
Paraguay '08, 5p grn. & blk.. 1.25 .60
Paraguay '13,40,75,80c,1p,1p25c* 1.22 .55
Paraguay '13, 3p blue grn.*... .75 .35
Paraguay 1886, Off. cplt. A good set and cheap* 28.50 10.75
Peru 1915, 1c on 10c, No.188* 1.00 .39
Peru 1915, 1c on 1c*, No. 190 .75 .29
Peru 1915, 1c on 2c, No.191* 1.25 .49
Peru 1915, 1c on 4c olive*... 2.25 .88
Peru 1915, 2c on 20c, No.194* 5.00 1.88
Peru 1915, 2c on 50c, No.195* 2.50 .95
Peru 1911, 10c blue, No. 296* 3.00 1.35
What else in Peru?

PORTUGUESE COLONIALS.

Some scarce "boys" here you'll see in mighty few dealers' stocks.

Angola 1912, 25c on 75r, No. 117. Good stamp .... .75 .33
Macau 1910, No. 142 or 143 each.. .58
'10, No. 144 or 146*, ea. 1.00 .39
Macau 1910, No. 145* ..... 1.25 .48
Macau 1911, 1a on 5r, No. 158* .35 .13
Macau 1911, Nos. 159, 161*.... 1.50 .70
Macau 1911, 1a black, No. 162 .... 2.25
Macau 1911, 2a black, No. 163 .. 2.25
We have a nice line of Port. Col.
St. Thomas 1913, No.119* or 138* .23
1913, 15c, No. 167*.. .25
St. Thomas '13, 130 on 75r,No.162* .65
'13, 50r, No. 425* .. .55
Timor 1913, 10 on 12a, No. 130*.. .25
1913, 78a, No. 147*..... 5.00 2.35

ROUMANIAN JUBILEES.

Special offers in these handsome stamps.

1906 3b, Nos. 351, 355, 359, each .10 .04
5b, Nos. 352, 356, 360, each .15 .07
1906 10b, Nos. 353, 357, 361, ea. .20 .09
15b, Nos. 354, 358, 362, ea. .25 .11
Salvador Many scarce ones
Salvador 1897, 15 on 24c* .... 2.00 .68
Salvador 1899, 5c, No. 191 .. 2.50 1.10
1905, 1c green, No. 299* .88
Salvador '05, 3c blk.,No.306b* 3.00 1.25
Salvador '05, 10c blue,No.304* 3.00 1.25
Salvador '05, 1c green, No. 305*... .95
Salvador '05, 1c grn., No. 326* 3.00 .95
Salvador '05, 10c blue,No.328a* 5.00 1.95
Salvador 1897, 5c, No. 774 ..... 1.75
Salvador 1897, 1c, No. 788 ..... 1.75
Salvador 1897, 1c, No. 789 ..... 2.50
Salvador 1900, 5c blue, No. 878*.. .75
Salvador 1897, 2c, No. 772 ..... 2.00
Salvador 1904, Jub. 3d green. 1.25 .60
'04, Jub. 5d violet 1.50 .70
Salvador 1905, 3d grn. & blk. .85 .39
1905, 5d viol. & blk. .75 .33

SPANISH COLONIES.

Elobey 1908, 5 on 10c violet* No. 57. Good stamp 1.50 .59
Fernando Po. '00,50/20c,No.64 1.50 .68
'00,50/20c*No.88f4.00 1.38
Switzerland 1914, 3frs green .20 .08
1914, 5frs blue.. .35 .14
Switzerland 1914, 10frs violet .60 .25
Three beautiful stamps
Venezuela '93, 10b, No. 116a .60 .23
Venezuela 1900, 3b No.149* .75 .23
Venezuela '00,20bvio.,No.151 4.00 1.35
'03, 10c, No. 188,r.* 3.75
Venezuela '03, 50c No. 184* 2.00 .69
Venezuela '04,3bblue,No.242* .35 .10
Venezuela '04, 10b violet*.. 2.00 .65
Venezuela '04, 20b rose* .. 4.00 1.10
Cuba 1891, 20c blue* ..... .75 .27
Cuba 1905, 50c gray & black* 1.25 .39
Cuba 1910, 8c olive & violet*.. .25 .13
Cuba 1910, 50c violet & black* 1.00 .50
Cuba 1910, 1p slate & black.. .75 .29
Cuba 1911, 1p black ..... 1.50 .70
Cuba 1911, 1p black* 3.00 1.50
Cuba 1914, 50c orange ..... .25 .11
Cuba 1914, 1p slate (Map) .... .60 .26
Cuba 1910, Special 10c ..... .15 .06
1914, Special 10c Aero.. .10 .04
Philippines 1906, 16c violet. .15 .07
Philippines '09,16c grn.,No.256 .25 .11
Philippines '09,30c blue,No.259 .35 .15
Philippines '09,20c yel.,No.257 .20 .07
Philippines '11,6,8,12,16,20,30c .33 .13
1914, 30c gray .. .08 .03

BRITISH COLONIALS.

Canada 1897, 6c Jubilee* ..... 1.00 .43
1897, 8c Jubilee* ..... .50 .22
Newfoundland 1867, 3c blue 1.00 .45
1887, 5c blue .50 .22
Newfoundland '96,½c red, 55* .40 .11
'97, 4c olive* .15 .07
Australia 1915, 1sh grn., No. 31 .. .10
1915, 2sh brown, No. 32 .29
Cape of G.Hope '02, 5sh orange a scarce stamp 1.00 .38
Cyprus '03, 2pi blue & violet a good stamp .... 2.00 .78
Gold Coast '02,2½p vio.& bl.* .50 .23
'02,2p vio.& or.* .60 .29
Hong Kong '13, 12, 20, 30c, $1 .80 .38
'14,$5 red&grn.,No.118 2.38
China On Hong Kong 20, 30, 50c, $1. A good set ..... .95
India 1902, 3r green & brown 1.25 .55
1902, 10r red & green.. 3.50 1.38
India 1913, 10r red & green 1.68
1913, 25r blue & orange .. 3.75
India 1913, 25r blue & or., No. 281 7.00
Nabha 1885, 9p* red.. 1.25 .45
Jamaica '12, 1sh grn., No. 68 .30 .10
'12, 1sh grn., No. 71 .50 .15
Lagos 1904, 3p vio. & or.*.... .35 .17
1904, 6p vio. & red vio. .40 .18
New Hebrides '10. 5p vio. & grn.*, No. 24 .75 .35
1sh gr.,No.26* 1.25 .62
No.Nigeria '02.10sh gr.& br. 6.00 2.90
'05,2sh 6d gr.&bl. 3.00 1.38
Seychelles 8c*,10c* or 13c*ea. .40 .17
'01. 3 on 10c.... .35 .15
Sierra Leone 1904, 2½p, No. 81 .25 .11
2sh gr. & blue* .. .85
Sierra Leone '07,4p blk. & red .75 .35
1896, 6p, 1sh .. 1.25 .58
So.Nigeria '04,6p vio. & blk. .40 .18
1sh grn. & blk. .50 .22
So.Nigeria 1907, 1sh green. .60 .25
'07,2sh 6dred&blk.1.25 .60
So.Nigeria 1912, 1sh black on grn. King Geo., good .65 .27
Somaliland Prot. '03,½a-8a,Nos.21-26. A good set 1.47 .68
Straits Set. '08,$1 blk. & red .60 .28
'08,$2 grn. & red 1.20 .49
Straits Set. '12. 50c grn., No. 159 .15
'12,$5 grn.&red,No.164 2.35
Tonga 1897, Pictorial 2sh* ..... .55
1897, Pictorial 2sh 6d* .. .55
Transvaal '93,2½ on 1sh*,No.145 .75 .19
'95, 10sh brown*.... 5.00 1.85
Transvaal '95, 6p red & grn.* .40 .11
'04, 5sh vio. & blk... 1.50 .39
Transvaal '04, 10sh vio.& blk. 2.00 .49
'09, 2sh 6d vio.&blk. 1.00 .33
Union of So. Af. 10sh blue & grn. Nice copies 2.00 .45

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Block of 12, finely cent'd, perf. 11 9.25
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A Few United States Offers

Send us a list of anything else you need and perhaps we can assist you. Reasonable prices if we have the stamp.

U. S. 1871-73. 7c vermilion ea. .75 .35
1873, 15c orange ..... 1.25 .48
1893, 30c Columbus .... .65 .30
1893, 15c Columbus .... .35 .15
1894, 15c blue ..... .15 .07
1898, Omaha 50c green.. .85 .40
1901, Buffalo 4, 5, 8, 10c .52 .19
U. S. 1902, $2 blue ..... 1.75 .95
1908, 50c violet, No. 333. .25 .09
1908, $1 purple brown .. .40 .17
1912, 50c violet, No. 365. .20 .07
1912, 50c violet, No. 367 .18 .06
1912, $1 violet brown .. .40 .18
1914, 50c violet, No. 383 .15 .05
1914, $1 blk. brn., No. 386 .35 .13
1914, $1 fine strips of three .78
Parcels Post 50c red ... .40 .14
Parcels Post $1 red .... .85 .35
Parcels Post $1 fine strip 3 1.25
Dept. Post Office 90c black*... 2.50 .98
Dept. Treasury 7c brown* .... 2.00 .88
Carrier Eagle Carrier, 802*,fine 1.25 .53
Same in fine blk. of 4* 5.00 2.75
Newspaper 1875, 9c black*.10.00 3.95
Newspaper 1879, 4c black*.. .50 .19
Newspaper 1879, 6c black* . .75 .29
Newspaper 1879, 8c black*. 1.00 .42
Newspaper 1895, 1c-$100. Govt. set which sold for $5*.. 2.98
Dues 1879, 30c brown* ..... 1.00 .48
1879, 30c blocks same rate*
Dues 1879, 50c brown ..... 1.25 .58
Dues 1912, 25c green P. P..... .75 .29

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U. S. 1871, 1c, No. 145. Fine blocks of 4 but no gum. Block of 4 brought $21 in Worthington sale. This is a bargain 7.25
U. S. 1873, 1c gray blue (fine) no gum ..... 1.00 .30
Buffalo, 1c to 10c* ..... .52
U. S. Blocks of 4 or more at same rate.
St. Louis, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c* ..... .42
Blocks of 4 or more same rate.
Omaha, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10c* .. .65

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are not as easy to get as one might think. Though we believe we have handled more of these than any other American dealer, there are some listing only a few cents we have never had a copy of, and we find it almost impossible to keep 75% of them in stock. We have to ignore the catalog prices in pricing these. All uncut.

	Rev. Paper.	Post. Paper
Doc., 25, 40, 50c red	.07	.22
80c red	.09	.15
$2.00 red	.03	..
$3.00 purple	.08	..
$5.00 blue	.10	..
$10.00 orange	.40	..
Proprietary, ½c black* (rare) ..	..	.35
2½c black*	.05	.08
5c black	.08	.48
½c black*	.04	..
1c black*	.05	..
3c black*	.10	..
1½c black*	.06	..
10c black	.12	..
20c black	.28	..

Send want of others wanted.

Wines & Cordials, 4c green*....	..	.08
1½c green*	..	.04
5c green*	..	.09
6c green	.07	..
8c green	.10	.10
10c green	.09	.08
20c green	.18	.20
24c green	.18	..
40c green	..	.32
$2 green	.88	.55

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5c Playing Cards.. .75 .27
Revenues 10c For'n Exchange .40 .14
10c For'n Exch. (a) .50 .15
Revenues 50c Lease ..... .40 .15
1c blue&blk.2nd Iss. .75 .32
Revenues 3c or 15c, 2nd Iss. .50 .19
20c blue&blk.2nd Iss. .25 .09
Revenues $1.50 blue&blk.2d Iss. .30 .11
$2 blue & blk.2nd Iss. .60 .27
Revenues 6c or & blk. 3rd Iss. 1.00 .40
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1917 War Tax, local prints

April, 1d in one line, thin paper ..... .10
1d, thick paper ..... .20
May, 1d, in two lines ..... .08
June, 1d, thin capitals ..... .08
July, 1d, thick block type ..... .04
May, ½d, fancy capitals ..... .04
June, ½d, thin capitals, thin paper .... .02
½d, thick paper ..... .16
July, ½d, thick block type, thin paper.. .05
½d, thick paper ..... .03

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*Santander 1905, 20c black error (S. G. No. 47) ..... ? 2.50
*Santander 1905, 1 peso black on yell.,pelure pa..(Y.&T.No.39) 9.00 1.85

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CHAPTER XV.—*The Surcharged Republican Issues.*

We have already briefly detailed in Chapter III the main facts and occurrences in connection with the Revolution of 1911, which swept away the autocratic monarchs of the oldest empire on the earth and installed a republican form of government in their place. Such a change was not only a momentous one for China herself but for the rest of the world as well, as it presaged a greater influence in world affairs by this mighty nation which bands together practically one-fifth of the human race. It cannot be wondered at, then, that the Republican surcharges on the stamps of the Chinese Empire are considered by many as among the most interesting stamps in our albums, and certainly their historical importance is not to be overlooked.

If we recall that the height of the Revolution had been reached by November, 1911, that all the Southern Provinces were then in revolt against the Imperial Government and that fighting was going on in the Yang-tse valley, the great trade artery of China, we can realize why the Peking Government was terrorized, granted all sorts of reforms and appointed Yüan Shih-K'ai as Dictator on November 1, 1911. Yüan decided that it was best to strive for a constitutional monarchy with the Manchu Emperor as a figure-head. This plan was accepted by most of the Northern Provinces, but the more radical Southern Provinces, flushed with their successes, would have none of it and demanded the overthrow of the Manchus. On December 9, 1911, a truce of fifteen days was called to allow of a conference at Hankow, where Yüan hoped to convince the revolutionists of the advantages of a Constitutional Monarchy over a Republic. This truce was extended but Yüan's views did not prevail with the revolutionists, who convened a provisional Republican Assembly at Nanking and on December 29, 1911, unanimously elected Dr. Sun Yat Sen President of the Republic of China.

Meanwhile negotiations continued and pressure on the throne for abdication increased. Finally a settlement was reached whose provisions included the uniting of the Northern and Southern Provinces permanently into the Republic of China with the name *Chung Hua Min Kuo* ("Middle Flowery Peoples' State" or "Republic,") the abdication of the Emperor, the election of Yüan Shih-K'ai as President and the acceptance of a provisional Constitution as outlined by the Revolutionary Government of Nanking. In consequence, the little Emperor Hsüan T'ung, just six years old, abdicated on February 12, 1912, the edict of abdication being published on February 15th and Yüan Shih-K'ai being elected Provisional President of China on the same day, though he did not take the oath of office until March 10th.

It is necessary to bear in mind the above state of affairs in order to understand the reasons for the first Republican overprints on the Chinese Imperial stamps. The Post Office Department functioned in both North and South China during the Revolution and endeavored to serve both alike with impartiality. According to the Report of 1911 "temporary division of authority resulted in attempts being made to change the organisation of the Post Office and to exercise an effective control over its working system. The Post Office, however, stood its ground and, to the advantage of the Service and public alike, all parties shortly realized the inexpediency of interference and the Post Office preserved inviolate its independence." After the capture of Shanghai by the revolutionists and during the truce spoken of between the contending factions, the postal headquarters at Shanghai was of course in the Republican district. The question of the continued use of stamps bearing the legend of the Empire in the successful Republican Provinces naturally came in for attention. The result is summed up in the Report of the Post Office for 1911, as follows:—

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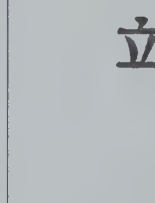
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The stamps thus placed on sale were the 3 cents (the inland letter rate) and the 1, 2 and 5 dollar stamps. Just why these high values were chosen is not apparent unless a requisition from Foochow was being filled at the time. The Post Office Report gives the numbers of each that were *sold* (it is evident from later developments that more were surcharged, as well as other values), the figures being 6000 of the 3 cents, 96 each of the 1 and 2 dollars, and 288 of the 5 dollars. The overprint of four horizontal characters (see illustration in which the four vertical characters are not to be considered for the moment) is in red on the 3 cent stamp and in black on the dollar values. It of course reads from right to left, the characters signifying literally "temporary middle-stand" or "provisional neutrality" in free translation.

In regard to the date, although the Post Office Report states that they were placed on sale in "January, 1912", yet reports from China at about that time stated that the stamps were on sale for three days only, viz., February 7th, 8th and 9th. Very likely the stamps were sent from Shanghai to Foochow the latter part of January, but it seems best to take the detailed statement from the city itself in this case.



Continuing, the Post Office Report for 1911 says:—"Upon the Governments of Peking and Nanking arriving at an agreement a few weeks later, the stock of unsurcharged stamps was vertically surcharged with the 'Chinese Republic' superscription (*Chung-Hua Min-Kuo*), and these have remained in issue since and will be used until the stock thus surcharged is exhausted. At the same time, to avoid waste, the stock already impressed 'provisional neutrality' was overcharged with the new superscription and issued with the rest. Their appearance at Nanking, Hankow, etc., however, was disapproved in certain quarters, and they were almost immediately withdrawn."

The four new characters were evenly spaced, of course, when overprinted alone on the Empire stamps, but were widely separated between the second and third characters when impressed on the stamps that had already received the horizontal surcharge. The combination on the latter made what is known as the "cruciform surcharge," and we find that four other values besides those sold at Foochow were evidently prepared with the "provisional neutrality" overprint, for the cruciform surcharge not only includes those but the 1, 7, 16 and 50 cent stamps as well. The 1, 3, 16 and 50 cent stamps have the entire overprint in red, and the 7 cent, 1, 2 and 5 dollars entirely in black. They were on sale at Hankow, Nanking and Changsha, and the total numbers sold amounted to 2289 of the 1 cent, 2818 of the 3 cents, 492 of the 7 cents, 200 of the 16 cents, 87 of the 50 cents, 156 of the 1 dollar, 93 of the 2 dollars and 52 of the 5 dollars. Changsha only sold 120 of the 1 cent stamps and Nanking did not have any 7 or 16 cent stamps.

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

By B. W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 356.)

CORREO OFICIAL.—(Official Postage).—An inscription shown on the stamps of Spain and those of several of the Spanish-speaking countries of South America on the stamps intended for official use.

CORREOS.—This is the Spanish word for "Post Office" or "Postage" and, naturally, it occurs on a large number of the stamps emanating from those countries in which Spanish is spoken. As a rule the name of the country is also indicated, but in those cases where no name is given the value or some other word in conjunction with "Correos" will provide the clue to the identity of the specimen.

CORREOS CENTIMOS.—The only inscription shown upon the 1893 stamps of Venezuela intended for foreign postage.

CORREOS CENT. PO. FL.—The inscription shown upon the 1864 stamps of the Philippine Islands.

CORREOS CERTDO.—The second word is an abbreviation for Certificado (registered) and the inscription together with "1852", "1853", or "1854" appears upon some of the stamps of Spain issued in these years.

CORREOS CERTIFICADO. — This inscription appears upon some of the values of the 1850 issue of Spain.

CORREOS CERTIFO.—An inscription engraved upon some of the values of the 1851 issue for Spain the second word being a contraction for "Certificado".

CORREOS CMOS. — The second word is an abbreviation for "centimos" and the inscription, with the date "1866" appears upon the 20c stamp of Spain and the 5c, 10c, 20c, and 40c stamps of Cuba. The 20c stamps may be identified by the color, the Spanish one being printed in lilac and the one for Cuba in green. The same inscription in conjunction wth the date "1867" is only found on the stamps of Cuba.

CORREOS CS. DE EO.—This is shown upon the 1870 stamps for the Philippine Islands, the latter part of the inscription meaning "Centimos de escudo".

CORREOS CTOS.—The second word is an abbreviation for "centimos" and the inscription appears on the Spanish stamps issued in 1864.

CORREOS CUARTOS. — This is shown upon many of the stamps of Spain "cuartos" of course, referring to the facial value.

CORREOS DAVID.—A mark found upon certain Panama stamps. At one time it was considered a special provisional for stamps issued in the town of David, but it is now believed to be merely a postmark.

CORREOS DE ESPANA. — An inscription frequently met with on the stamps of Spain and simply meaning "Spanish Post Office".

CORREOS E. U. M.—A watermark found on some of the stamps of Mexico. The last three letters stand for "Estados Unidos Mexicanos". (United States of Mexico.)

CORREOS FRANCO.—An inscription shown upon the Spanish stamps of the issues of 1850 to 1854, on which the date is also shown. The word "Franco" means free.

CORREOS GUIRA.—A control mark stamped on several of the provisional labels issued in the district of Marino, Venezuela, in 1903.

CORREOS INTERIOR.—An inscription shown upon the stamps of the Philippine Islands issued between 1859 and 1863.

CORREOS MATURIN.—A control mark applied to many of the provisional type-set labels issued in the province of Maturin, Venezuela, in 1903.

CORREOS NACIONALES.—(National Post Office).—This inscription appears on most of the stamps of Colombia issued prior to the constitution of the Republic proper. These words also form part of the overprint on some of the provisional stamps of Guatemala.

CORREOS NALES. — The second word is an abbreviation for "Nacionales" and the inscription appears on some of the early stamps of Colombia.

CORREOS PORTE FRANCO.—This inscription, meaning "Post Office; carriage free", is found upon most of the stamps of Chili and also upon many of the early issues of Peru.

CORREOS REAL.—(or Reales).—The only inscription shown on some of the stamps of Spain, the second word referring to the facial value.

CORREOS-RL.—The two last letters are an abbreviation for "real", and the inscription appears upon the 1 real stamp of the 1864 issue for Spain. On the 2 reales value of the same set "Correos-rs" is shown.

(To be continued.)

BALZAC'S ANALYSIS.

TO THE EDITOR:—

The following in regard to the collecting of stamps and other things is from "Cousin Pons", a novel by Honore De Balzac (1799-1850), written before 1850 I think,—anyway when stamp collecting was very, very young.

"For many of his knicknacks Pons was indebted to those exchanges which are a source of unspeakable delight to the collector, for the pleasure of buying curiosities is, after all, merely a secondary pleasure; the prime, the prinicipal pleasure is to barter them. . . . . From all that precedes, the reader will gather that the object, which the old man was carrying with such paternal care, was one of those dazzling "finds" which we bear off—With how much rapture you, oh ye amateurs! understand full well. . . . . It is undoubtedly true that a mental counter-irritant, in the form of a mania, is a sovereign remedy for ennui and the spleen.

All ye who can no longer drink from that vessel which has in every age been termed "the cup of pleasure" apply yourselves to the task of collecting—no matter what! Even postage stamps have been collected—and you will find the solid ingot of happiness coined into small change. A mania, why 'tis pleasure idealized! etc., etc." . . . . . .

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They did so, and he received quite a nice lot of stamps. After ten years of great suffering he has been released. I am writing that some mention of his death may be made in the WEEKLY so the friends who helped him will be made aware of it.

The mother is a very poor widow, but did all she could to care for Buddy. She wants his collection to be sold and the proceeds put in a suitable grave stone. The collection is not of very much value, but can probably be disposed of in some way to bring something. I believe there are many of those who were touched by his affliction who would be ready to help in the matter of getting the grave stone. If you could aid in getting this before them I am sure it would be a most worthy act.

I might add that Buddy developed great philatelic skill and knowledge for one so crippled and found the greatest delight in arranging and studying his stamps when he could.

Any aid or suggestions in this matter would be very greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,
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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

EDITORIAL.

Ready—We are informed from Washington that most of the post offices throughout the country will have an adequate supply of the new three cent stamps on hand for sale on November 2, 1917, when the new rate becomes effective. The bureau of engraving and printing has announced that for some time past it has been producing these stamps at the rate of twenty-five million a day. As the Providence *Bulletin* says: "To those of us who are old enough the 3-cent stamp will seem like an old friend when it comes back and the cent's worth of energy it will add to the national cause ought to make it welcome." We remember how the passing of the old three cent green stamp was deplored by the sentimental folks and they of course are true to their colors. As for the rest of us, we shall be in accord with the spirit of the clipping that we have quoted, even though the stamp business is essentially a mail-order proposition. The public is enjoined by the department not to be impatient in waiting for the new two cent postal cards and three cent stamped envelopes which are "a vast undertaking which will require some little time to accomplish."

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Further—An additional yield of postal revenue will come through a modification of the postal treaty between Great Britain and the United States that has been made whereby a three cent tariff will stand "for practically all foreign letters now taking the two cent stamp." According to this arrangement "the 3-cent rate also will apply to the Bahamas, Canada, Cuba, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Dominican Republic, Dutch West Indies, England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Leeward Islands, Mexico, Newfoundland, New Zealand and Panama."

Memory—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who received stamp gifts from the boys of the neighborhood when he was recovering from the scarlet fever? Is this o. f. c. arguing over the Hayes-Tilden election somewhere with the old-fashioned dealer who would not give a customer one of the "little envelopes" for the stamps unless it was asked for?

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Errors—Precanceled sheets of the error now may be added to the imperforate sheet which are being held at prices (so we are told) that do not emulate the modest violet. The cat. value of the perforated errors is now four dollars for the perforated 10 and three for the perforated 11, as you know.

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Cuba—It is known that the 1914 issue of Cuba, map design, is known in imperforate condition and we understand that the set in pairs has exchanged hands at prices well up in the dollars. As pertinent to the subject, we quote from a letter just received from a special correspondent in Camaguey who intimates that Mr. L. A. Christy, American Vice-Consul at Havana and an ardent philatelist, repudiates the stamps. In fact, he gives them their *congé* in the words that no such stamps were ever issued by the postal authorities of Cuba and that any existing specimens of them were either printers' waste or worse. As Mr. Christy has a close connection with the Postmaster General of Cuba, he is in a position to speak authoritatively. Our correspondent adds: "The 1914 map design issue are in use again but as revenue stamps; they are surcharged 'Timbre Official' in black as on the specimens enclosed." The surcharge is in black and "Timbre" is curved downwards and "Nacional" is curved upwards.

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Out—The supplement that is to take the place of the usual new edition of the standard catalogue is now out and is a satisfactory provisional issue. The new issues to date are listed and priced and a compilation of changes in the prices of many of the earlier issues is a feature. The manager of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, Mr. Hugh M. Clark, says that the orders for this short catalogue are gratifyingly large but he does not rely upon that fact alone to predict a great season for stamps. He says that the volume of business for the past month or two is impressive and that he has noticed that there is a number larger than ever before of adult "beginners." Mr. Clark attributes this result in no small measure to the newsily interesting and technically correct contributions on philately that are being supplied to a score or more of the biggest newspapers from coast to coast by the philatelic publicity "syndicate." Mr. Clark will have the sympathy of all his friends in his recent bereavement, the death of his father in Chicago, where for many years the decedent was identified prominently with that city's commercial and civic growth. It will be remembered that Mr. Hugh M. Clark lived in Chicago before he went to New York with the Scott Stamp & Coin Company.

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Changed—The simple declaration of Mr. Clark in the foregoing paragraph that a hopeful augury for the activity and prosperity of philately is the many adult recruits to philately, releases an observation that we intended to embellish for use editorially, later. Now that we are stampeded into action in this connection we say that the boy collector is a diminishing factor in philately. We think that this remark is a conservative one, even though it would be too sensational to say that the day of the young collector has passed. It is not true that the welcome to the boy is becoming less cordial from collectors but it is the changing conditions that do a bit to chill his reception. There are changes that come with the years in any pursuit and profession that develop with time that are as fixed in their courses as the stars and it is useless to try to alter the inflexible fact. No amount of encouragement would bring back the youthful phalanx of other days and while we adhere to the slogan to make it pleasant for the boy collectors, we know that it is only the scent of the roses that remains. It will never come to pass that the boy collector will not be an important and influential factor in philately but he no longer is the dominant one. Stamp collecting is not so easily grasped as a subject as it was once and a collection cannot be the simple affair now that it used to be. The attractions for the maturer mind are becoming more apparent and from now on, we expect to find an increasing ratio of older beginners allying themselves with philately.

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Aside—A copy of the Chicago *Tribune* for January 4, 1862, contains a list of advertised letters, extending over five columns and at the end is the notice: "Persons wishing drop letters advertised must affix a three cent stamp. J. L. Scripps." In 1862 Chicago had become a city of no mean size but the tendency of many senders of local letters was to omit the street address. To obviate the inordinate demand for "directory service" the extra cent postage was ordered by the Chicago postmaster and he probably was within his rights in exacting this added charge for advertised letters, under some construction of the postal rules and regulations of the time.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Wm. E. Ault has removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he will be located in the future. His permanent home address will be furnished later.

—The Cincinnati Philatelic Society has decided to publish an official bulletin and No. 1 has appeared. It is an interesting four-page sheet filled with live matter and bound to be read by every member of the organization. The activity of this organization may well be emulated by our other societies. Send a stamped addressed envelope to A. D. Fennell, Sec'y, Second National Bank Building, for a specimen copy.

—Pauline, Townsend, Mont., reports substitution of stamps by F. Lee Dayton, Newport News, Va., who has been referred to several times in our columns. A registered letter sent him was returned unclaimed. Dealers should be cautious of their business relations with Newport News. Pauline also reports unsatisfactory dealings with Perry Y. Jackson, Wake Forest, N. C.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from W. F. Van Dusen, Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, Allen S. Davenport, and W. G. Swart.

—Robert E. Hopkins, Tarrytown, N. Y., has a considerable number of stamp papers which he will be glad to send anyone who will pay transportation charges.

—The philatelists of San Francisco and vicinity will hold their annual banquet Friday evening, Nov. 16, at the Bay State Restaurant, 275 O'Farrel St. All collectors and dealers are invited to be present.

—We have received from C. W. Hennan, M. D., the 1917 Year Book of the International Precancel Club. It contains constitution, list of members and officers for the current year, together with a considerable amount of advertising.

—In a recent *Amateur Photographers' Weekly* is a communication from Herman W. Boers recommending the forwarding of old magazines to the boys at the front. This suggestion is being brought prominently to the fore at the present time and deserves our cooperation.

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STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

By BILL BLOSS.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Issue of 1894-1895.

The contract for the printing of United States stamps awarded to the American Bank Note Company expired early in 1894. At that time the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, established by the Treasury Department, was doing practically all of the work in the manufacture of revenue stamps, treasury certificates, government bonds, and other securities. At the time bids for the work were solicited, the Bureau, through the Secretary of the Treasury, decided to compete for the work, and the contract was awarded to it.

All of the stamps, plates, dies, and transfer rolls, being the property of the government, were transferred to the Bureau before the end of June, 1894, without interruption of the Postal service in any way. A sufficient quantity of all values were on hand to last until the new equipment needed could be installed, and further supplies printed.

In order to facilitate the work, it was decided not to alter the designs, but in order to distinguish the work of the Bureau from the previous manufacturers, a small double lined triangle was added to each of the upper corners.

These triangles were added to the dies, and new plates made. The writer saw a die proof showing the two cent value before the triangles were added, and on the same card a proof of the stamp after the addition of the triangles.

Three varieties of the triangles were made, which cause considerable difficulty for collectors. They are as follows:

Type 1: The horizontal lines of the groundwork run across the triangle and are the same thickness within it as without.

Type 2: The lines cross the triangle, but are thinner within than without.

Type 3: The lines do not cross the triangle, leaving the space between the double lines blank, and are thin within the inner triangle.

The first type was used on all values, while Types 2 and 3 occur on the two cent value only. Both types 2 and 3 occur on Plate No. 170, and can be had in pairs.

Numerous shades of all values exist. The general color scheme of the 1890 issue was retained. The 2c value was printed in many distinct shades ranging from pink to carmine lake.

The use of the 30c and 90c stamps being practically unnecessary these values were dropped from the set, and new denominations of 50c and $1.00, $2.00 and $5.00 issued instead. The higher values were in some demand at the larger offices to prepay postage on large registered packages and bullion shipments made by the banks.

The same style of designs were retained on the new values. The portraits and colors used are as follows:

50c orange, Jefferson, similar to the previous 30c.

$1 black, Perry, similar to the previous 90c.

$2 dark blue, Madison, after portrait by Gilbert Stuart.

$5 dark green, Marshall, after portrait by Inman.

Two die varieties of the $1.00 value were discovered in 1915 and are as follows:

Type 1: The circles enclosing numerals "$1" are broken where they meet the curved lines below the label inscribed "one dollar", and do not cross the lines.

Type 2: The circles are complete, and cross the border line of the label.

Type one occurs perhaps on an average of four to one.

The paper used was soft, and porous, though not showing as course a "weave" as the paper used by the American Bank Note Co. The perforation remained the same gauge, and the gum practically the same.

In the summer of 1895, a dangerous counterfeit of the two cent stamp was made at Chicago, with intent to defraud the post office of revenue, and with no philatelic significance. This fraud was quickly detected and the perpetrators apprehended. The writer has seen several copies of it, and the work is so good that it would be hard for the novice to detect the difference. Copies of the counterfeit are not common.

In order to prevent further misuse of this nature, and to make counterfeiting more difficult, a watermark was added to the paper, for the first time in the history of United States stamps, excepting, of course, the stitch watermarks, which were not intentionally made.

The watermark used consisted of the letters "U. S. P. S." in double-lined Roman capitals measuring 16 mm. high in ten rows of nine horizontal letters to the pane of one hundred stamps.

This arrangement placed a portion or a whole letter on each stamp. It would have been far more satisfactory if a smaller watermark had been used, so that the entire mark fell on each stamp, as in the case of the British Colonial Crown and C. A. watermark. However, this watermark served its purpose.

Two errors in the watermarking are known. The 6c and 8c stamps are occasionally found on paper watermarked "U. S. I. R." for revenue use. These can only be determined when a portion of the letter R showing the tail, or the entire letters I and R appear on the stamp.

It might be interesting to note that the Bureau started numbering the plates for the printing of postage stamps from one upward, and are still using the same serial. Plate 1 was used for printing the 2c value. A complete list of plate numbers of the various issues is found in Mr. Luff's "Postage Stamps of the United States."

(To be continued.)

PRESS.

We are pleased to notice that Mr. C. A. Burner is proceeding valiantly with his *Philatelic Index*, in which the auction prices of different sales are recorded under the plan that we commended some weeks ago. Mr. Burner has been faithfully issuing his paper, and says that he is pleased with the support that is being accorded him. Moreover, he says, the auction folk are encouraging him by word and deed to firmly establish his enterprise, and while he realizes that the road to philatelic publishing prosperity is full of ruts and hollows, he is determined to surmount all obstacles. Mr. Burner's idea is original. In a compact, yet complete, form, he gives the compilation of prices, and by reference to the auction catalogue, the price of any or all lots is easily found. Further, there is news of other philatelic kind in the pages of this distinctive paper. Mr. Burner has established a time- and money-saving device for the benefit of the auction buyer who wishes to keep abreast of the auction market. By his work on the Worthington sales, Mr. Burner has proved that he can cope with the most pretentious sales.

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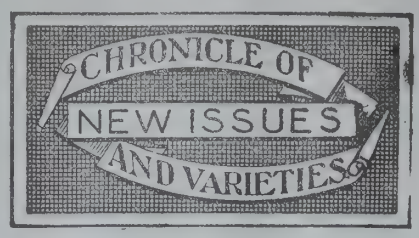
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UNITED STATES.—(1400)—Some rather startling items have recently appeared to claim the attention of collectors of United States stamps. Last week we mentioned the receipt of a pair of 2c stamps Series of 1908, double line watermark, with the current perforation 11. Our surmise that they were perforated by the Bureau is correct. In addition to the pair submitted by Mr. Webster C. Rich, Mr. Rich has a copy regularly used on cover as well as a block of eight with margin and plate number 4848 and he was kind enough to let us have a block of four, which he had in addition to the other eleven copies. A visit to New York disclosed that there were also a few copies in the hands of Mr. Bartels. As we stated last week, we wrote to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and we have now received a reply, as follows:

"Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant enclosing a pair of two-cent stamps, series of 1908, which you state have apparently the current perforations, eleven holes to the two centimeters, and submitting three questions relative thereto. I give your questions below, and the answers thereto, as follows:

1. Q. Were these stamps perforated by the Bureau? A. Yes.

2. Q. Were any imperforate stamps of this series (1908) remaining in the stock at the Bureau perforated with the current perforation machines which perforate 11? A. No.

3. Q. Or were some of the imperforate stamps of this series (1908) recently returned to the Bureau to be perforated? A. Yes; Recently a number of sheets of two-cent stamps, Series of 1908, unperforated, 400 subject, were returned to this Bureau to be perforated.

I return you herewith the pair of two-cent stamps enclosed by you.

(Signed) F. E. FERGUSON,
Acting Director."

Mr. J. Murray Bartels received similar answers to questions he asked the Bureau, so it transpires that some unperforated sheets of 400 subjects were recently returned to the Bureau to be perforated and were run through the current perforating machines and were perforated 11.

Mr. Adam Gruenig also submitted a copy used on cover and we traced the use of them to the Encyclopedia Britannica in New York, but although over 10,000 stamps were purchased and used at this particular mailing, not a single stamp remained of this purchase. What portion of the "over 10,000" stamps were of the 1908 type, re-issued perf. 11, there is no way to find out. We will, however, address a letter to the Post Office Department and endeavor to find out how many imperforate stamps were recently returned to the Bureau to be perforated.

Other startling news is the discovery by Mr. P. H. Ward, Jr., of three coils of five hundred each of the Rotary printed 2c stamps, watermarked, in imperforate coils. These were issued sometime in 1914, and 21,000 stamps were thus prepared to the order of the postmaster at New York, in fourteen coils of 1,000 each and fourteen coils of 500 each. Mr. Ward traced these stamps, and it appears that all were used in the regular course of business, with the exception of three coils amounting to 1,500 stamps, which Mr. Ward purchased from the postmaster at Washington, D. C. Some of the coils were distributed to Baltimore, Md., and to Sanford, Me. It is certainly odd that no imperforate Rotary printed stamps have been noted during the past three years, used on ordinary mail matter. Collectors will probably be on a hunt for them now. No imperforated stamps from the Rotary press have been made before this printing of imperforate coils on unwatermarked paper and none have since been made. If any more imperforate Rotary coils are made, they would be on unwatermarked paper.

Adhesives.
Type of 1908. Wmk. U S P S in outline Roman capitals.
2c carmine. perf. 11.
Type of 1912. Wmk. U S P S in single line capitals.
Rotary coiled sideways.
2c rose-pink, imperf.

Mr. John F. Sensow calls attention to the fact that the current Wines stamps are on "split" paper. This split paper is different than double paper and it occurs in the 1879 issue of U. S. postage stamps. In "double paper" the two layers of paper float apart when soaked in water, while in the "split paper" it is necessary to *rub* one layer off. A great many papers can be split and done so in such a way that they appear to be double papers, but they are not the double paper known to philately in connection with the 1873 issue of U. S. stamps. In the present instance, Mr. Sensow endeavored to remove one of the large Wines stamps from a barrel, but it was pasted so tight with a strong "stickum" that layers of paper came from the stamp, that is, the glue was stronger than the paper. We call this "split" paper, but we would be pleased to have any further information about it.

Mr. J. Arthur Wainwright writes as follows: "In looking over a bunch of common U. S., I came across a strip of three 2c 1890, the left hand stamp and the middle stamp having the left '2' capped, while the right hand stamp has both '2' capped. I have a strip of five with both '2' capped and a pair with left '2' capped, but this is the first I have heard of the two cap varieties being on the same plate."

(1380).—Mr. T. J. Eppes and Mr. Adam Gruenig show us copies of the Officially Sealed in black on white paper. The new Seals were chronicled and noted in our issues of June 2nd and 9th. We understand that the Seals are issued in booklet form in sheets of ten, 5x2, the same as the pink paper Seals were issued. Under these conditions, it will be a rather difficult matter to secure one of the black on white Seals with perforations all round! We believe, however, that some of the pink paper Seals, earlier printings, were in larger sheets, and it would therefore be possible to secure a copy perforated all round.

Mr. J. Murray Bartels shows us the 2c envelope on "extra quality" paper. It has the watermark "U S 1915" with "1915" at top. New style type is used for the return card, but is disappointing in appearance.

(1400).—Mr. Eugene Tilleux, Jr., advises us of the use of 2nd Liberty Loan cancellations in Philadelphia and St. Louis; of the same design as used in Chicago and Washington.

The same correspondent advises us of the use of a "National Memorial Reunion Oct. 16-17-18 & 19 1917" cancellation at Vicksburg, Miss.

Latest U. S. Information:—Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., informs us that the unwatermarked 3c stamps were issued imperforate on October 13th, and that he has seen a sample of the new 3c envelope; it being in dark violet. The 2c, 1908, imperf. were returned by the N. Y. postoffice to be perforated; they were all perf. 11, and returned to N. Y. Statement of quantity will be given as soon as possible.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(1375).—Mr. Hermann Focke shows us the 1c, with overprinted date "1917." It is in a much lighter green than the 1916 issue; the latter we have noted in two shades, pale green and light blue-green; the new 1917 being pale yellow-green. The overprint is in a lighter red than the 1916. The paper is white coated-surface wove, while the perforation is the same, 11½. The 1917 series now consists of two values.

Adhesives.
Overprinted 1917.
1c pale yellow-green and black.
2c olive-green and black.

GUATEMALA.—(1399).—Submitting a block of thirty-five unused "Dos Centavos" provisionals, chronicled in our issue for August 8th, Mr. A. W. Dunning writes in part as follows: "The argument that the 1c value is obsolete and therefore would not be used for surcharging purposely except fraudulently, and in used condition, is not well taken. Being obsolete, and a large stock of remainders doubtless on hand, would offer an inducement to use it. I have complete sheets of 100 of this stamp, received directly from a postmaster of a Guatemalan city. I enclose a block of these stamps in support of the theory that they were printed on unused stamps." We believe our remarks in the Chronicle of October 20th cover this.

With regard to the same matter, Mr. Edwin W. Fuss writes as follows: "I explained how sheets were not to be sold over the counter, but stamps to be

Advertising Chat

—How about that issue of October 27?

—Stealthy Steve says Salvador "S" surcharges should soon sell swiftly.

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—Wm. E. Dowser has sold his stamp business to Leon Barri, Jr., of the same city, El Paso, Tex. Mr. Barri takes space this week over his own name.

—When you renew your subscription, be sure and order some books. Our list is growing and the patronage of this branch of our business will tend to increase our efforts in this direction.

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With regard to the 1916 "Seis" surcharge on the 1c green and claret stamp, Mr. Fuss writes: "I received at the time they were issued, twenty-five sheets of 'Seis Centavos', Scott's No. 154, (see Addenda), and one was partly double; that is, the first surcharge showed plainly at top, but grew weaker till it was indistinct at bottom. The second or top surcharge just a trifle to the right of the first is clear from top to bottom. Not a deliberate error, I am sure. Those deliberate errors, I am sure, are made outside the postoffice."

We had conversation with Mr. John N. Luff, the Scott expert, and he told us that he had heard from Mr. Fuss, and now intended to formally catalogue the "Dos Centavos" on 1c, but that the firm had received a very large quantity of these stamps used and that almost half of them were with inverted surcharge on many shades of the stamps (therefore, many printings), and that he would not list this for the time being. The firm did not purchase the inverts, but returned them with the entire lot.

MONTSERRAT.—The ½d green, Scott's type A3, has been overprinted "WAR STAMP" in one line, in London, and just issued for this island. The Rev. L. Meister advises of the receipt of this stamp and says the overprint is in red.

War Stamp.

½d green, red overprint.

NORTH BORNEO.—(1380)—Mr. Edwin W. Fuss shows us two covers from Sandakan, Borneo, franked with copies of the provisional stamps chronicled as long ago as February 24th, but which have come in for much discussion since, notably in our issues of March 31st, May 5th and June 9th. Mr. Fuss writes: "Notice the cover '6 JUL 16' mailed about the time the provisionals were issued (or soon afterward) and the other one used just lately. Fortunately my correspondent put aside some and is using them on mail to me without knowing their real value, although he gave me a record of the quantities issued, already mentioned in the Chronicle."

Mr. Fuss exhibits to us the 2c on 3c with inverted "S" in "CENTS" and states that he also has the 4c on 6c with this variation. Our personal records do not extend back beyond the first of the year, so all we can do is record the varieties here, stating that we have seen the inverted "S" as mentioned above. The normal varieties are listed in Scott's Catalogue.

1916 Provisionals.

2c on 3c lake and black.
a. inverted S in CENTS.
4c on 6c olive and black.
a. inverted S in CENTS.
10c on 12c blue and black.

Mr. Fuss also informs us that the issues overprinted "British Protectorate" as well as those of 1893, 1895, etc., are still available for postage.

SALVADOR.—(1399)—The discussion regarding the "S" stamps waxes wroth. We are swamped with pros and cons one way or another We haven't space to give up to the subject. If any one has absolute proof that the "S" labels are postage stamps and not an issue provided for speculative purposes, we will gladly give space to the clearing of the Salvadoran sky. It is curious to see them put out a very fine issue for legitimate purposes and yet provide unnecessary provisionals which are immediately withdrawn from use and sold in bulk to some one who in turn sells them to a stamp dealer. Mr. A. W. Dunning takes exception to Mr. Klein's statement to us that the "S" means "Sin valor" (without value). He says that the "S" could mean "Sin moth-balls" as well. Mr. Dunning very graciously submits the following story: "The explanation I had from a resident of San Salvador was that the P. M. G. had the stamps so surcharged stating that the 'S' stood for 'Salvador.' He intended to have a few actually used and the usual number was sent to U. P. U. headquarters at Berne. The balance were to be withdrawn and sold as a speculation for the P. M G.'s benefit. However, someone outside the P. M. G.'s 'inner circle' caused the report to become current that the P. M. G. (whose name has S' for its initial letter) was advertising himself at the expense of his country—*a la Connell* of New Brunswick. This report spoiled the P. M. G.'s plans and the entire lot of 'S' stamps were withdrawn from circulation and sold *en bloc* to a local purchaser. My correspondent is a merchant in San Salvador and has nothing to gain by this tale. In fact he was unable to obtain the 'S' stamps for me at the time of their issue, as he is not a member of the 'inner circle'."

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sity of placing an "S" to mean "Salvador" on stamps which already have "Salvador" as part of their designs. We also heard the tale about the P. M. G., but the same thing is said about the President of Salvador, whose name begins with an S. It is also plainly to be seen that Mr. Dunning's correspondent was unable to purchase the "S" stamps in San Salvador at the time they were supposed to have been in use. We also hear that some of the 1915 issue of the same type but with "1915" overprinted on them are about with the letter "S" on them. What is, however, a sure bet is the fact that the Salvadoran Post Office Dept. must have had a big stock of stamps, both postage and official, of Scott's type A66, unoverprinted, in the 1915 colors, both perforated and unperforated, with which it could arrange to place any old overprint or surcharge it wanted to on them. The horizon is kind o' hazy, and what is needed is a good strong wind to clear the atmosphere which enshrouds these so-called stamps. If they are good and legitimate postage and official stamps we want the owners of them to reap their proper profit, but if they are fake stamps, speculative in other words, the sooner the philatelic public refuses to buy this kind of trash the sooner governments will discontinue preparing them for such purposes as sale to collectors. Salvador is not the only country.

Later.—The following letter, received just in time for this edition, establishes the standing of the "S" and "Corriente" stamps, all information to the contrary, and we are pleased to say that collectors can include these stamps in their collections and feel that they have genuine, legitimately issued postage stamps.

Post Office Department,
Office of the Chief Clerk,
WASHINGTON, October 25, 1917.

MR. PERCY MCG. MANN,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:—In answer to your letter of October 22, which the Postmaster General has referred to me, you are informed that this Department has received from the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union certain stamps of Salvador overprinted respectively with "S" and the word "Corriente."

Very truly yours,
(Signed) RUSKIN MCARDLE,
Chief Clerk.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. A. C. Roessler very kindly shows us the set of four postal cards issued for the 1917 "National Festival." Each year Switzerland commemorates its National Day, August 1st, with an issue of a postal card or a set of postal cards. These are generally of most beautiful designs, reproduced from paintings made for the purpose by eminent artists and art students who compete for the honor of having their paintings selected for these commemorative postal cards. The four cards this year are—or rather were—sold for the benefit of the Swiss Red Cross. The obverse of all four are alike, containing the 5c stamp, Tell boy design, in the upper right corner and a vignette of "Henri Dunant" in the upper left corner. Inscriptions on the obverse are in three languages, Italian, French and German, and read "CARD OF THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL—August 1st—For the Swiss Red Cross." One of the paintings shows the mother (Helvetia) sheltering her children who cling to her under her cloak. It is a beautiful subject, well executed and noble; painted by Eug. Burnand.

Postal Cards.

5c green on cream-white;
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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—(1396)—The Rev. L. Meister writes as follows: "I notice a strange error of the 1d, Roman type war stamp, (3rd local issue). The last row of a whole sheet shows a very plain negative of the surcharge on the back of the stamp; it seems as if the print went right through the stamp. All other rows are perfectly white. There is no doubt that this misprint happened by some strange handling of the machine."

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Philately already is flourishing in many parts of our broad land as never before at this time of year, and glowing reports come in from different points. The rise of Indianapolis as a philatelic center has been striking, and the renaissance of Cincinnati as a philatelic capital is gratifying. In Chicago, the good old local society is meeting temporarily in the office of Mr. Severn's workshop, but these cramped quarters will soon be left as a suitable meeting-place is about to be leased. Milwaukee's society is active and has started an interesting season. A recent visit to Indianapolis proved that the two societies there were off with flying colors. The meeting of the Lincoln-Harrison Stamp Club that we attended was an enthusiastic one, and a feature was the display of two seemingly unique metal-enclosed beer stamps, the property of Mr. C. W. Kissinger. The meetings of this organization are held in the commodious quarters of Mr. E. T. Wallis' stamp store, which is located in the heart of the city. The officers of the club are Dr. R. J. Kemper, President; B. F. Noble, Vice-President; B. F. Egan, Secretary-Treasurer, and George E. Fiscus, Sales and Auction Manager. It was a great pleasure to meet so many of Indianapolis' prominent collectors. The Cincinnati Philatelic Society is preparing for the philatelic event of the season on November 19, 1917, when collectors who have been invited from other cities will foregather under happy circumstances for a day of real stamp enjoyment. Plans are matured that we predict will make the occasion akin to a philatelic convention. The official bulletin of the Cincinnati society is a newsy and snappy little chronicle of interest to members in particular.

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October 16, 1917.

The 390th (regular) meeting was called to order at 7.40 this evening by Pres. Brown. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted. Mr. George R. Kimball was elected to non-resident membership and Richard J. Harrison to junior membership. It was voted to purchase at least one "Liberty Bond." The competition for Mr. Sawyer's medals was not a success. There were not enough entries to warrant the awarding of the prizes and it was decided to postpone the "War Stamp" competition to the November meeting so that there will be two competitive features on that evening, Scandinavia and "War Stamps." If you haven't but one of the Scandinavian countries, bring that one to the meeting, in order that the prizes may be awarded, and also out of courtesy to the member donating the medals. There were thirty-one members present and Mr. Clark W. Tuttle entertained them with an original paper on United States Cancellations which was well appreciated by those in attendance.

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By CHRISTOPHER WEST.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Series of 1898, Surcharged Stamps.

The 1c green postage stamp was first surcharged I. R. in block capitals 6½ mm. high and 314,980 were issued, all in June, 1898. After the overprinting had been going on for two days and one night the surcharge was changed to Roman capitals 9 mm. high. Both surcharges are in red and the latter one occurs inverted. The 2c carmine postage stamp was surcharged only with 9 mm. Roman type and occurs both normal and inverted. The surcharge is dark blue.

On both the 1c and the 2c with the larger surcharge a small period after the "I" occurs four times on each pane of 100 stamps. It is always the 41st, 46th, 91st and 96th stamp on the pane—that is, the first stamp in the bottom row of each quarter pane. It is thought that this is a secret or control mark placed there intentionally.

The Boston Book states that 63,300,000 of the 1c and 62,000,000 of the 2c, all with the 9 mm. surcharge, were issued, all in June, 1898. The Bureau reports differ somewhat from these figures, giving the total of 1c stamps with *both* surcharges delivered up to June 30, 1898, as 42,000,000 and 20,800,000 after June 30, 1898, or 62,800,000 of the 1c in all. Their record of the surcharged 2c stamps delivered is 38,000,000 up to June 30, 1898, and 23,600,000 thereafter, which totals 61,600,000. Obviously the Internal Revenue office did not deliver more surcharged stamps than were printed and delivered to them by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing.

The $5 Periodical stamp was overprinted in red and may read either upward or downward. It is on watermarked paper and always from plate No. 137. The Bureau surcharged 17,750 and delivered all of them before July 1, 1898. They were issued to the various stamp offices during June and July only.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

Series of 1898, Documentary.

The first issue of these stamps comprised only two designs. The values below $1 are horizontal rectangles measuring 26½x19½ mm. and each bears the picture of a battleship—presumably the ill-fated Maine. The legend "Series of 1898" appears in small letters below the battleship and the word "Documentary" is at the bottom. The value expressed in words is at the top and there is a numeral in each upper corner. The original colors were as follows:

½c orange.	5c lilac.
1c light blue.	10c brown.
2c carmine.	25c purple brown.
3c dark blue.	50c slate.
4c pale rose.	

In October, 1898, two other denominations of the same design were added, chiefly no doubt, for use on life insurance policies:—

40c lavender.
80c orange brown.

On account of its similarity to the orange ⅜c Proprietary the color of the ½c stamp was soon changed to a pure gray, lighter than the 50c stamp, which often shows a tinge of violet. The ½c orange is sometimes called an error of color but the writer is unable to discover any basis for this assertion.

The values from $1 to $50 are vertical rectangles measuring approximately 25x35 mm., the same size and shape as the dollar values of the periodical set then current, and the design is a close copy of the $50 Periodical stamp. The draped female figure holding a ship in her right hand typifies Commerce. At each side is found the word "DOCUMENTARY" in place of "NEWSPAPERS" or "PERIODICALS", and in each upper corner is a numeral of value preceded by a dollar sign. Between the latter, following the arched top of the central panel in two lines we read, "U. S. INTERNAL—REVENUE." The word "DOLLAR" or "DOLLARS" is at the bottom of the stamps and just above it is the denomination word. The

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legend "Series of 1898" is omitted. The original colors were as follows:

$1 green.
$3 dark brown.
$5 orange red.
$10 black.
$50 light brown.

In February, 1899, a $30 value in carmine was added to the set.

Just before the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, a further addition of three high value stamps was made to the documentary set. These have the frames in color and the portraits in black.

$100 yellow-brown and blk. (Marshall).
$500 carmine and black, (Hamilton).
$1,000 green and black, (Madison).

They are upright rectangles somewhat larger than the lower dollar values and measure about 28x41 mm. In design they differ from each other and from all previously issued U. S. revenues. The Marshall portrait on the $100 stamp and the Madison portrait on the $1,000 stamp are very similar to, or identical with, the portraits on the $2 and $5 postage stamps of 1895. The Hamilton portrait is a profile facing right and does not at all resemble the profile bust on the 30c postage stamps of 1870-88. At the base of each portrait in tiny white capital letters is the subject's name.

The oval portrait medallions measure only 13½x16½ mm. and the portraits are rather small for such large stamps. On the $100 the medallion is placed too high, on the $500 it isn't high enough and of the three the $1,000 is probably the most pleasing and effective. On this denomination the portrait appears larger and is more nearly in the center of the stamp. On each of the stamps the words "United States Internal Revenue" are spelled out in full. The word "DOCUMENTARY" and the legend "Series of 1898" are also there.

On the $100 stamp the numerals of value are found at each side near the center; on the $500 and $1,000 they are in the upper corners. The $100 has one small "C" just below the medallion, the $500 has a small "D" beneath the medallion and a large "D" at each end of the control panel, while the $1,000 has one small "M" at the top just over the panel for the control number. On the $100 and $500 the control number panels are in the lower part of the stamps. The control number is red on the $100 and $1,000 and blue on the $500.

This is the first time control numbers were placed on U. S. revenue stamps. In 1871-72 a record of the sales of the $500 stamp was kept, with names and addresses of the purchasers, and the $5,000 essay contained a panel on which to place the control number, but that is as near as the idea of placing control numbers on the stamps came to actual use before 1899.

These three high values were not issued in sheets, but came imperforate in small books, each page consisting of a vertical strip of four stamps with a ruled stub at the left of each stamp. The stub bore the same serial control number as was overprinted on the panel prepared for this purpose on the stamp to which it was attached, and as each stamp was cut from the book the record of its sale was made on its stub. These stamps therefore can be collected as singles or as *vertical* pairs, or *vertical* strips of three or four, but are not obtainable and never have been obtainable in blocks or horizontal pairs or strips. It is stated that each book contained four $1,000 stamps, (one page), eight $500 stamps, (two pages), and forty $100 stamps, (ten pages), making thirteen pages of 52 stamps, face value $12,000 in all.

(To be continued.)

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THE MANAGING EDITOR.

BELGIAN CANCELLATIONS.

On a narrow strip of lowland near Nieuport stands Albert, King of Belgium, and his faithful army, fighting at the last ditch for their native land. Two years and more they have held their line impenetrable.

Eighteen and one-half centuries ago Julius Caesar, bent on the conquest of Gaul (now France and Belgium) wrote of the tribes he met that "the fiercest of these are the Belgae," and well have they maintained the reputation he gave them, though previous to the war the modern world had not looked on the Belgian nation as a war-like one. As a matter of fact, Belgium saved Europe, although she could not save herself.

The stamp-issuing period of Belgium involves but two reigns, the long one of Leopold II and the present one of Albert. From the beginning of it, the methodical system was employed of giving each post-office a permanent number and embodying this number in the cancellation. The usual design during the early issues was a circle composed of close bars, in the center of which, in an otherwise blank oblong appeared the number. This cancellation just about covered the whole stamp, and more often than not, was well centered upon it.

A collection of these numbers forms a specialty of decided interest, particularly now, since the German invasion leaves in doubt how many of the post-offices may ever be reopened, for many of the towns were utterly wiped out in the fierce fighting and ruthlessness of the advance and many more may be doomed to revengeful destruction when the tide turns and the Germans are forced back and out of the country.

To collect these numbers of the first issue is now utterly out of the question. The most feasible method is to collect them on the issues of the second type, which can still be bought for two or three cents apiece, wholesale. We know of but one collection of this character (the writer's), even the famous Leavy collection, which was sold at auction last year, apparently having neglected this, if we may judge by the catalogue, though many stamps were detailed specifically as bearing this or that scarce cancellation number.

From long experience in hunting for certain numbers, we infer that an absolutely complete collection at this late date may be a matter of extreme difficulty, if not an impossibility, but a good showing may be made, and it is easily within anyone's bounds, in a field so little covered, to pick up rare specimens.

The list of the post-offices and their numbers in the first official list is given below. It will be noted that they were arranged alphabetically.

1	Aerschot	68	Lefayt
2	Alost	69	Lens
3	Anderine	70	Le Roeulx
4	Anvers	71	Lessines
5	Arlon	72	Leuze
6	Assche	73	Liege
7	Ath	74	Lierre
8	Aubel	75	Lokeren
9	Audenarde	76	Louvaine
10	Avelghem	77	Maeseyck
11	Aywaille	78	Malines
12	Barvaux	79	Marche
13	Bastogne	80	Marchienneau-pont
14	Beaumont	81	Mariembourg
15	Beauraing	82	Menin
16	Beveren	83	Mons
17	Beverlos	84	Mouscron
18	Binche	85	Namur
19	Boom	86	Neufchateau
20	Bouillon	87	Nieuport
21	Boussu	88	Ninove
22	Brainele Compte	89	Nivelles
23	Bruges	90	Ostende
24	Bruxelles	91	Pecq
25	Charleroi	92	Peer
26	Chatelet	93	Pepinster
27	Chimay	94	Peruwelz
28	Ciney	95	Perevez
29	Courtrai	96	Philippeville
30	Couvin	97	Poperinghe
31	Deynze	98	Puers
32	Diest	99	Quievrain
33	Dinant	100	Renaiz
34	Dison	101	Rochefort
35	Dixmude	102	Roulers
36	Dolhaim-Limbourg	103	St. Ghislain
37	Eecloo	104	St. Hubert
38	Enghien	105	St. Nicolas
39	Fleurus	106	St. Trond
40	Florennes	107	Seneffe
41	Florenville	108	Soignies
42	Fontaine l'Eveque	109	Sotteghem
		110	Spa
43	Fosses	111	Spy
44	Furnes	112	Stavelot
45	Gand	113	Tamise
46	Gedinne	114	Termonde
47	Genbloux	115	Thielt
48	Genappe	116	Thourout
49	Gheel	117	Thuin
50	Gosselies	118	Tirlemont
51	Grammont	119	Tongres
52	Habay la Neuve	120	Tournai
53	Hal	121	Tubize
54	Hamme	122	Turnhout
55	Hannut	123	Verviers
56	Harlebelse	124	Viel Salm
57	Hasselt	125	Vilvorde
58	Heer	126	Virton
59	Herenthals	127	Vise
60	Herve	128	Waereghem
61	Houffalize	129	Waremme
62	Huy	130	Wavre
63	Jeeghem	131	Wervicq
64	Jemeppe	132	Wettern
65	Jemappes	133	Ypres
66	Jodoigne	134	Zele
67	Laroche	135	Zelzaete

In this list are found most of the names that the last three years have written black on Belgium history, Liege, Namur, Ypres and many others. Cities famous for their art, their textile industries and their beautiful cathedrals. Cities famous for the reason that in them was signed the treaty of peace of great wars of the past. When the treaty of peace for the present war is signed, if it does not restore to Belgium the completest possible restitution, civilization will be seriously at fault.

Further post-offices were endowed with numbers until the list ran up to 424, which is the highest we have seen, though it is quite possible there are higher ones. The highest number we have found on the second issue type is 390. These cancellation numbers were continued through the 1866 issue but within a diamond of dots instead of a circle of bars, and some are occasionally seen on the 1869 issue, but they were apparently discontinued about 1870.—*United Stamp Co. Herald.*

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First—In our new issue chronicle in the number of October 27, 1917, we had the privilege of presenting a list of the new revenue stamp issues; and particulars were succinctly given by Deputy Commissioner G. E. Fletcher. Usually, information of this importance is made capital of in the editorial column and is given a somewhat wordy setting. We were pleased in having been enabled to give our readers this early notice of our impending issues and we are relieved to the extent of not having to dwell upon them here. It will not be long before the stamps will make their appearance and the indications are that we shall have perhaps all too long a time in which to get acquainted with them.

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Unusual.—Among the war tax stamps that will come into use on December 1, 1917, are those on parcel post packages between points in the United States on which the postage amounts to twenty-five cents or more at the rate of one cent for each twenty-five cents or fractional part thereof charged, tax to be paid by the sender. These special stamps are to be in the following denominations: one, two, three and four cents. When we received notice of this tax for the first time, it was thought that the tax was to be rated by postage stamps. It will be seen from the prospectus of the law which we have received from Washington and which we publish elsewhere that the stamps are denominated as special internal revenue stamps. It is expressly decreed that postage stamps will not be accepted in payment of the tax and as it might be expected, the postage cannot be paid by the revenue stamps. A distinctive quality will be given these revenue stamps because they will be sold by postmasters to the public.

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Savings—It is expected that about the first of the new year, an issue of two billion dollars' worth of savings stamps or certificates will be offered the public, the plan being to issue certificates that will cost $4.10 each or so, to mature January 1, 1923, when they will be equivalent to five dollars even, at the compound rate of four *per cent.* While the certificates are to be in the form of large stamps, in order to popularize the loan, twenty-five cent stamps will be prepared and a folder will be provided on which the first stamp will be pasted and after fifteen more likewise have been purchased and affixed, the folder, with a few cents for accrued interest, will be exchangeable for a certificate. The stamps will be transferable and non-interest bearing. The holder for the certificate will accommodate twenty certificates or one hundred dollars' worth. "This folder will contain the government contract and will resemble the appearance of a bond."

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Looking—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who refuses to take any stamps for which there were no place in his printed album? Is this o. f. c. dwelling on the Moody and Sankey revivals with the old-fashioned dealer who swore by L. W. Durbin as the first dealer in the land?

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Off—Some time ago, we received the following clipping from a reader who had ripped it from a story in a paper whose name we have forgotten: "Going to a neighboring post-office, he asked to see some postage stamps, and complained that he did not like their color. Suddenly pointing to one in the centre of the sheet, he said, 'I'll take that puce one.' It was a 2½ pence stamp for foreign transmission or parcel post, 'but no matter'." Of all the looney lads, this one's head is in the greatest whirl but we blame the writer more than him for revealing the "nobody home" sign. We should like to see a collector go to one of our post offices to see some postage stamps and then complain petulantly that he did not like the color. Then, if he added fuel to the flame by saying that he would "take that puce one!" Surely, it would have been a case of "no matter" for the collector of exquisite sensibilities.

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Hazarded—"I'll wager," writes Ruth, "although I'm no wagering woman (though in a 'gainful occupation')"—she will have her near-joke—"that you will find the appendage, 'Return postage required' more popular in stamp ads than ever before now that the three cent rate is here." Prolonged applause.

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Three—The public press certainly did its duty in informing the people of the increased cost of postage and seconded the efforts of the department to give the widest publicity to the change in royal style. Some of the editors became reminiscent in their remarks and essayed a plunge into stamp history and while we commend the course of these "feelers of the public pulse" we heaved a sigh to read that the date of 1885 was sometimes given as the year in which the postage rate was reduced to two cents. Is there some "compendium of useful facts" that mistakenly gives 1885 instead of 1883 as the date?

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Again—A reader takes pen in hand to say: "Philatelic camouflage, is it? What's the matter with the repairman who can take half a stamp and make a whole one out of it. That's the real thing." Another reader pipes up: "My idea is the remarks, 'Rare,' 'Cheap,' 'Snap,' etc., written by the chap on his books in the sales or exchange department, with the idea of stampeding the buyers." Not unclever.

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How—A reader of one of the big dailies writes in to his editor to say that he cannot understand how the government ever could accept the notion to raise the postage rate because (he says) there was an organization much in the public eye that had dedicated itself to the task of securing for the dear people the reduction to the one cent rate.

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Express—One of the most interesting books that we have seen on a subject allied to philately is: "History of the Express Business, Including the Origin of the Railway System in America," by A. L. Stimson; and published by Baker and Goodwin, New York, 1881. There was one or more editions previous to this one and possibly a subsequent one. Many of the express carrying companies that did a mail business are mentioned in the work and the collector who is seriously interested in the local stamps and franked envelopes will find the volume, one valuable as a work of reference as well as worth while as a narrative.

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Original—Here is a whimsy from B. L. T.'s column in the Chicago *Tribune* on the subject of original gum:

"Sometimes when postage stamps I lick,
And find the critters will not stick,
I wonder what on earth's the reason
(Such criticism isn't treason).
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Our Uncle Samuel's short on glue.

Dear Uncle Sam, suppose you try, sir,
To nab his nibs, the cussed Kaiser.
When caught, I think you really oughter
Drop him into boiling water.
I'd try him out, if I were you,
And utilize the cuss for glue."

OUR ROLL OF HONOR.

We shall make much this year of our roll of honor and give it all the space it needs. We have a right to do so in view of the fact that it means co-operation that we need to extend the influence of philately. Beginning October 1 a new year's work was opened and already many of our subscribers and patrons of our advertising columns have manifested an interest in increasing the circulation of the WEEKLY. Even as last year, the Edgewood Stamp Co. takes the lead in the good work, and has sent in since the first of October no fewer than 21 subscriptions. What the Edgewood Stamp Co. is doing any dealer could do who is using the general press. The following list does not include those who have sent in single subscriptions. Are there not many of our readers who are willing to assist us in our effort at circulation building and thus win a place on this roll of honor? The standing November 5 was as follows:—

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A PHILATELIC DICTIONARY.

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CORREOS-RL PLATA F.—This inscription appears on the stamps issued for the combined use of Cuba and Porto Rico from 1855 until 1866.

CORREOS URBANOS MEDELLIN.—The local stamps issued for use in Medellin, Colombia, were inscribed in this manner. Literally translated it means "Local Post Office, Medellin".

CORREOS YRAPA.—A control mark stamped upon some of the type-set labels issued for provisional use in Marino, Venezuela, in 1903.

CORREOS Y TELEGFOS.—(Posts and Telegraphs).—The last word is an abbreviation of "Telegrafos" and the inscription appears upon the stamps issued in Spain in 1882.

CORREOS Y TELEGS.—The 1879 stamps of Spain were inscribed in this manner, the last word being a shortened form of "Telegrafos".

CORREO URBANO DE BOGOTA.—(Local Post Office of Bogota).—This inscription appears on the stamps issued for use within the precincts of the city of Bogota, Colombia.

CORRESPONDENCIA OFICIAL.—(Official Correspondence.) This inscription appears upon all the official stamps of Mexico.

CORRESPONDENCIA URGENTE.—(Urgent Correspondence).—The Express Letter stamps of Spain are inscribed in this manner.

CORRIENTES.—A province of the Argentine Republic, lying between the Parana and Uruguay rivers, having an area of 32,580 square miles and a population of nearly 300,000. A special stamp, of very rough design, was issued here in 1856—two years before the appearance of the stamps for Argentine proper—and at a later date other stamps were printed from the same plate. The labels were not discontinued until about 1875.

COS.—A Turkish island off the coast of Asia Minor. It measures 23 by 5 miles and has an area of 110 square miles. Its population of 10,000, are mostly Greeks. Cos was famous of old for its wine, its amphoræ, and its fine "Coan garments". It is the birthplace of Ptolemy Philadelphus, the painter Apelles and the physician Hippocrates. In 1913, it was occupied by Italian troops and some of the then current stamps of Italy were surcharged "Cos" for use there.

COSTA, C. M. MIRANDA DA.—A Portuguese artist who designed the Postage due stamps issued in Portugal in 1898.

COSTANTINOPOLI.—The Italian form for "Constantinople" as overprinted on the Italian stamps issued for use in the Consular post-office maintained in that town.

COSTA RICA.—The most southerly state of Central America, extending right across the isthmus. It has an area of 23,000 square miles and a population of about 340,000. It is the most flourishing republic in this region. The government is administered by a president and a single Chamber of Deputies with one member for every 8,000 inhabitants. Costa Rica threw off the Spanish yoke in 1821 and joined the Iturbide Empire of Mexico. It was one of the states of the Central American Republic from 1824 to 1839, but in the latter year it declared itself an independent republic. The first stamps for Costa Rica were issued in 1862.

COTE D'IVOIRE.—The French form of Ivory Coast as shown upon the postage stamps issued for that colony.

COTE DES SOMALIS.—(Somali Coast).—This inscription appears upon all the stamps of Djibouti—the capital of French Somali Coast.

COTE FRANCAISE DES SOMALIS.—The French form for "French Somali Coast" as shown upon all the stamps issued for use in that colony.

COUNANI.—In 1893 an enterprising clique manufactured some labels purporting to be postage stamps for the "Republic of Counani", and at the same time rumours were circulated regarding other series alleged to have been issued between 1887 and that date. Apparently stamp collectors were somewhat skeptical regarding the bona-fides of these labels, for very few seem to have been sold. However, nothing daunted, the creators of this nonexistent republic tried to float another issue of stamps in 1900. This also was unsuccessful, and in 1904 an even more impudent attempt to foist Counani "stamps" on philatelists was made. Various dealers in London and elsewhere received an imposing looking circular dated "Counani, Oct. 1st, ised, and from the 1st. an., 1905, there 1904" which stated that the "postal service of this State has been reorganised, and from the 1st Jan., 1905, there will be a regular service between Counani and Europe, via French Guiana". A set of ten different labels was mooted, and dealers were invited to send their orders which were to be generously executed at 10% below face value. No one was so foolish as to speculate in the rubbish and since then nothing more has been heard of the mythical State of Counani. The Republic is said to be situated in South America, between Brazil and French Guiana, but as these territories join at the point indicated there does not appear to be much room for this so-called land of "liberté et justice!"

COUNTERFEIT.—A term more generally and correctly applied to spurious coinage and paper money, but now-a-days frequently used as an alternative term to "forgery" in connection with postage stamps.

COUSINS, ALFRED ERNEST.—An engraver of Wellington, New Zealand, who engraved the dies for the Queen Makea and "Torea" stamps of the Cook Islands and also for the 1886 and 1892 issues for Tonga. Mr. Cousins also engraved the dies for the ½d, 2½ and 5d stamps of New Zealand issued in 1882 and in 1892 he re-cut some of the De La Rue dies of the 1882 set and from these new plates were made.

COWAN.—This word, in old English outlined letters, appears as a watermark once in each sheet of the Fiji 5s stamps issued in May, 1882. This paper was manufactured by the firm of A. Cowan and Sons, Ltd., referred to below.

COWAN PAPER.—Paper manufactured by Messrs. Cowan and Sons, Ltd., of St. Paul's Wharf, London, upon which all the postage stamps of New Zealand have been printed since January, 1902. At first a thin, hard, unwatermarked paper was supplied, but this was only in use for a few months. It was replaced by paper of similar quality but watermarked with single-lined N. Z. and star.

C. P.—An overprint found upon certain South Australian stamps used during the period 1868-74 on the correspondence from the department of the Commissioner of Police. In 1874, these stamps were superseded by the series overprinted "O. S." for the use of all government departments.

II. The letters "C. P." for "Colis Postaux" are shown upon several of the provisional parcels post stamps of French Ivory Coast issued in 1904.

CPGNJA.—The local rendering of Serbia as shown upon all the stamps of that country issued since 1881.

C. POSTE.—This inscription, followed by the numerals of value, appears upon all the stamps of Sardinia and the first issue for the kingdom of Italy. The letter "C" stands for "centesimi", referring to the facial value of the stamps.

C. R.—The initials of "Cakobau Rex" as shown upon the 1871 stamps of Fiji. King Cakobau was deposed in 1874 when the Fiji Islands were ceded to Great Britain.

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UNITED STATES.—(1400)—We will probably have some Revenue stamps to chronicle next week. They are probably on sale as we write this, but details will keep until next week.

(1401)—Mr. Philip H. Ward, Jr., informs us that the New York Postoffice returned 1467 sheets of 400 each of the imperforate stamps to be perforated by the Bureau, and that these were returned to the same postoffice and placed on sale on October 9th. What portion, if not all, were the 1908 stamps, it is difficult to state, as no records of what issues were returned to be perforated were kept. It is presumed, however, that all were of the 1908 type and watermark. If of the 1912 type and watermark, Scott's No. 388 would be produced again.

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Adhesive.
£1 light blue and orange-brown.

AUSTRIA.—Feldpost.—(1395)—The *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* gives us the colors of the new Feldpost stamps mentioned in our chronicle of Sept. 22nd. They are perforated 12½.

Adhesives.
3h gray.
5h olive.
6h violet.
10h red-brown.
12h blue.
15h red.
20h dark brown.
25h ultramarine.
30h slate-blue.
40h olive-brown.
50h dark green.
60h carmine.
80h dark blue.
90h dark violet.
2kr red on yellow.
3kr grn. on bluish.
4kr red on green.
10kr violet on gray.

The *Nordisk Fil. Tids.* chronicles a letter card with Emperor Charles' portrait on stamp.

Letter Card.
15h red-brown on gray.

AZORES.—See Portugal Chronicle.

BOLIVIA.—(1363)—Our last mention of this country was in the issue for February 10th, when we stated that the currency of the country was to be changed from Centavos to Centimos. Evidently, this change has not yet taken place, as we are in receipt of a new stamp, or rather a stamp of redrawn design, and the value is in Centavos. Mr. V. W. Rotnem sends us a copy of the 5c blue, similar to Scott's type A51 but differing in many minor details, which was recently issued. An attempt has been made to improve the design, but the new stamp is not any more attractive than the old. The numeral shields are now without the vertical lines of color, and the numerals are taller and not so squat. "CINCO CENTAVOS" is now smaller. There is a diagonal line joining the frame lines in the upper left corner. The triangles in the upper corners are not so large and they are shaded with solid color instead of crossed lines. The mountain is more deeply ridged and there is a strengthening of the sky background, lending a semblance of a view of mountains beyond, as would be seen through a haze. The new stamp is also a deeper blue color, quite different than the old, which is ultramarine. The stamps are produced by lithography and the perforation is the same as the former issue.

Adhesive.
5c blue.

BOSNIA.—(1395)—*The Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift* gives us the colors of the commemorative stamps issued on June 28th and chronicled by us on Sept. 22nd.

Charity Stamps.
10h violet-black.
15h claret.
40h blue.

CANAL ZONE.—(1382)—*Stamp Collecting* publishes the following: "Pursuing the question of the Postage Due stamps to which we referred in our issue for August 18th," (Reprinted from our notes on this matter published in the Chronicle of June 23rd) "Mr. Fred Gregory writes: 'So far as I can judge, these were not surcharged singly, as suggested by one of your correspondents, but must have been done in sheets, because I have noticed the surcharge as set up is much too long for the stamp and nearly every copy I have has portions of the ends of one or two adjacent surcharges showing. I think the copy I sent you will bear this out. It follows that if the surcharging was done on sheets the issue must have been an official one, and that is why I am surprised that it has escaped the catalogue'."

If the stamps mentioned by Mr. Gregory have no other cancellation, we are still of the opinion that the "Postage Due" is a cancellation, and if cancelled (surcharged or overprinted) in the sheet, then they are what we call in America "Precancelled." We are still waiting to hear from any of our Canal Zone correspondents or specialists in the stamps of this country regarding the 10c black and violet of 1906-08 with the imprint "Postage Due" on it.

CEYLON.—*The Philatelic Magazine* reports new shades of three values.

Adhesives.
6c vermilion.
10c pale sage-green.
50c jet black and carmine.

CHINA.—(1385)—We have an interesting letter from our Chinese correspondent, Mr. Wang Chin Chai, and among other items of news, he states, that the local postal card rate is 1½c instead of the former 1c. In our Chronicle of July 14th we published news from Mr. Wang Chin Chai to the effect that a new postal card of 1½c was to be issued on July 1st. This issue did not take place, not because of the restoration of the Monarchy, or its subsequent fall, but because the stock of 1c cards was so large that the authorities did not want to issue the new 1½c until the old stock was disposed of. So, says Mr. Wang Chin Chai, the public is using the 1c card with a ½c stamp affixed thereto.

Continuing the information contained in our correspondent's letter: The return of the Monarchy and the subsequent restoration of the Republic was not the occasion for any surcharges with the exception of the Express Letter stamps, which, at a few postoffices in Peking, were surcharged "Tai-Ching-ti-Kou" over the "Chung hua yii Tsung" this being done by special authority. Our correspondent states that only a few of these remained after the 12th of July, not more than ten, but these may have been burnt, although there was no order issued by the authorities to have these few stamps destroyed, so Mr. Wang Chin Chai is hunting through the different postoffices for them. A collector in Peking has a stub with the surcharge "Tai-Ching-ti-Kou." This same collector also has one of the Express Letter stubs surcharged "Hung Shien", produced during Yuan Shi Kai's brief Imperialistic reign.

New cancelling devices were used during the short interval of the Monarchy, July 2nd-July 12th. Letters posted in Peking, during that period, were marked with, for example, "9th Year, 5th Moon, — Day" instead of with the Republican form, "6th Year, July, — Day". Mr. Wang Chin Chai cites for example: A letter addressed to Tientsin, posted in Peking in the 9th year of the Monarchy would reach its destination in the 6th year of the Republic, and this would be shown by the cancellations.

(1390)—Submitting some postage due stamps, our correspondent calls attention to the difference in height. We explained the differences in height in the Chronicle of July 7th, the taller being the London printing and the shorter being the Peking printing. In the lot submitted, the only differences we can see, that have not been mentioned in the Chronicle, are two shades of the 2c Peking printing, a newer shade being a very dark slate-blue.

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Adhesives.

1m light brown.
2m yellow-green.
4m vermilion.
5m claret.
10m bright blue.
50m pale violet.
100m slate.
200m marone.

FRENCH INDIA.—A provisional 15c stamp has been issued, overprinted on the 1c stamp. The surcharge was set up to cover ten stamps, and there are three types of the "5" in "15".

Provisional Adhesive.

0.15 on 1c gray.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—The 15pf has undergone a change of color, a reply postal card has been issued (presumably on unwatermarked card) and the 15pf postal card has appeared in the same color as the new stamp, according to the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift.*

Adhesive.

15pf black-violet.

Postal Cards.

15pf black-violet on buff.
10+10pf red on buff.

From the same source we learn of the new issue of a Rural Post Envelope of 35pf, ultramarine on rose.

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS.—*Stamp Collecting* states that the Registration Label now in use for these islands is inscribed "Ocean Island G. and E. I. C." the last letter signifying *Colony.*

GREECE.—(1393)—Baron A. de Reuterskiold writing to *Stamp Collecting* states that the complete list of the postage stamps surcharged "K. P." and new value are as follows: 1 on 1l, 1 on 3l, 5 on 1l, 5 on 20l, 5 on 40l, 5 on 50l, 5 on 1dr, 10 on 30l, 30 on 30l, all on issue of 1901; and 5 on 40l of 1913. He also states that there are two types of the surcharge: 1) "K. P." in thick letters, with 2 mm. space between the lower limbs of the letters; 2) thinner letters, with 3 mm. space between the lower limbs of letters. He writes: "I do not know if all varieties exist in both types; I have seen in Type I: 1 on 3l, 5 on 1l, 5 on 20l, 10 on 30l, 30 on 30l; and in Type II: 1 on 3l, 5 on 40l, 5 on 1dr, of 1901; and 5 on 40l, of 1913." The correspondent goes on to state that there are numerous errors. In Type I, he has 1 on 3l "lepto" ("u" missing); 5 on 20l without period after "K"; 30 on 30l without period after "P". In Type II: 1 on 3l, with two periods between "K. . P.", without period after "K" with very large period after "K", and with very large period after "P".

The correspondent of our contemporary states that two fiscal stamps were surcharged at Volo. These have the surcharge in *two* lines, in red, the "K. P." being sloping capitals. The values are 5l on 10l blue fiscal and 10l on 50l lilac fiscal In addition to these he had just received yet another surcharged fiscal, consisting of "K. P." in ornamental capitals, and "1 LEPTON 1" in small sans serif capitals, in black on the 10l blue fiscal. His letter was written under date of September 23rd.

We will not give a formal list of the above at this time, but will attempt the listing of all varieties in a future check list.

HAYTI.—Mr. Robert A. Wilson advises us of the issue of a provisional 2c (gold) stamp, made by surcharging the 1 piastre claret stamp of 1906 with a rectangular frame containing a large "2" in the center and the letters "O P" in the upper corners respectively. This stamp is for foreign postage, and we believe the "O P" stands for "Or" (gold) "Piastre". The surcharge is in red.

Provisional Adhesive.

2c de p on 1p claret.

HUNGARY.—(1389)—The *Nordisk Filatelisk Tidskrift* chronicles a new value in the reaper type, also new cards and an envelope, presumably in the same type.

Adhesive.

2f brown.

Postal Cards.

8f dark green on white.
8f dark green on buff.
8+8f dark green on buff.

Charity Postal Card.

5f grn. on buff, with dates "1914-1916" in red.

Letter Cards.

10f red on blue.
15f violet on greenish-gray.

Envelope.

15f violet on white.

INDIA.—(*Bundi*)—(1400)—*Stamp Collecting* states that the new 1r stamp is a deeper shade of lilac, while the 6a. is now deep ultramarine in place of the former indigo, and gives the colors of some of the new values added to the set. On Oct. 27th, we chronicled the 6d as being "light blue"—there is quite a difference between this color and "deep ultramarine." On the authority of our contemporary we list the colors of the new values mentioned in our previous chronicle:

Adhesives.

2½a maize-yellow.
10a dull olive-gray.

ITALY.—The *Revista Filatelica d'Italia* chronicles a new Postal Packet stamp in same type as other values.

Postal Packet Stamp.

20c black.

NAURU.—*Stamp Collecting* has chronicled the ½d and 2d with double overprint, one albino. The ½d was thus chronicled by it on April 21st and the 2d is in its edition of October 13th. The albino impressions are strong and show quite distinctly.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Ernest Huettig advises us that he has a copy of the 1d, Scott's No. 85, the value reading "ONC PENNY" instead of "ONE".

NEW ZEALAND.—*The Philatelic Magazine* gives *The Australian Philatelist* as their authority for chronicling the 6d stamp with new perforation, 14 all round, in place of the former 14x13½ and 14x14½.

Adhesive.

6d carmine, perforated 14.

NIUE.—*Stamp Collecting* chronicles the 1d New Zealand stamp overprinted "NIUE" in *deep brown.*

PANAMA.—(1394)—The new telegraph stamps were placed in use about the 15th of September (?). According to Mr. Frank E. Greene, in *Philatelic Gossip,* they are as follows: 2c 1906-7 surcharged diagonally (up) in black, "TELEGRAFOS"; ½c 1916 light claret map surcharged horizontally in two lines, in dark blue, "TELEGRAFOS 5cts."; 10c 1906-7 surcharged diagonally (up) in black, "TELEGRAFOS"; 25c 1906-7 with figures blocked out with squares, surcharged in two lines of red, "TELEGRAFOS 20cts."; 25c 1906-7 surcharged diagonally (up) in black, "TELEGRAFOS"; 50c 1906-7 surcharged diagonally (up) in red, "TELEGRAFOS".

PHILIPPINES.—(1397)—*The Philatelic Gazette* chronicles the 2c, deep yellow-green, without watermark perforated 11 and states: "This was the first denomination of the Philippines printed on no watermark paper to go to the perforating machines and it was not perforated until August 11 and shipped on August 27. As the perforating machines had all been changed from 10 to 11 by May 1, there will be no Philippines stamps on no watermark paper perforated 10."

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Adhesives.

1c chocolate.
1½c green.
2c orange.
3c rose.
5c bistre.
7½c blue.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES.—See Portugal.

ROUMANIA.—(*German Occupation.*)—(1395)—The *Nordisk Filatelisk Tidskrift* chronicles a new series of occupation stamps, with surcharge in German type, "M. V. I. R." and new value, in red on the 15pf and in black on the 10pf, 20pf and 30pf. Also a 10+10pf reply card surcharged for the occupied portion of this country.

Occupation Stamps.
(Overprinted German Stamps.)
10b (in B) on 10pf red.
15b (in R) on 15pf black-violet.
25b (in B) on 20pf ultramarine.
40b (in B) on 30pf or. & blk. on buff.

Occupation Postal Card.
(German reply card overprinted.)
10b (in B) on 10+10pf red on buff.

SALVADOR.—(1401)—Continuing the discussion about the "S" stamps, we have the following as part of a letter from the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co.: "We had information from the Postmaster General direct, that these stamps were issued provisionally and used during a short time pending the arrival of a new set by the American Bank Note Co., of New York. We were informed that the capital 'S' stood for Salvador. Full sets of these stamps were sent to Berne, Switzerland, and these stamps were absolutely good for universal postage. At the time that these stamps were in use, all our mail from Salvador both ordinary and registered came prepaid with these 'S' stamps. If the Government of Salvador had intended to demonetize this issue thru the application of some surcharge, they surely would not have done so by the application of a single 'S' and further more the letter could not have stood for Sin-Valor because these are two different and distinct words, and they very likely would have had to surcharge them 'S V'. We can prove . . . black on white what these issues really are. . ."

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—(1386)—The Red Cross stamps which have been in use since May 1st, have since July 31st been limited for use on correspondence to Federated Malay States, Johore, Kedah, Trengganu, British North Borneo, Brunei, Sarawak and within the Colony. Previous to July 1st they had also been available for use on mail to the United Kingdom, Ceylon, Hongkong and French Indo China. This information is from the *Phil. Jour. of Gr. Brit.* whose correspondent cannot supply the reasons for the limitation in the use of the Red Cross stamps, unless there is a shortage of the two values from which they are made. The same correspondent states, in our contemporary: "You may be interested to know that in some of the earliest sheets of our Red Cross stamps there was at least one of each value without a period after the 'C' of cents, but the error was quickly remedied."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Samuel Bennett, Millville, N. J., assistant librarian of the S. P. A., would like to receive any philatelic literature that may be donated to the Association.

—Cards are out announcing the observance Nov. 19 of the 50th wedding anniversary of Gen. and Mrs. Charles A. Coolidge. The card bears the inscriptions "Tallahassee, Fla. 1867" and "Detroit, Mich. 1917". The many friends of Gen. Coolidge will extend heartiest greetings in connection with this anniversary, and earnestly wish him more years of happiness and prosperity.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Geo. W. Unger, H. Henry Meyer, H. R. Hendricks, Herman W. Boers and D. D. Berolzheimer.

—E. W. Theimer, 211 Park Court, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, would like to know the advantages of membership in the various philatelic societies. With the printing of this item we feel quite sure that Mr. Theimer will be deluged with facts and figures from publicity officials. Mr. Theimer mentions his possession of a Great Britain A54 ½d in blue instead of green. This is an old friend and one of the easiest changelings that can be made.

OUR BOOK REVIEW.

Supplement to the 1917 Edition, Standard Postage Stamp Catalog.—We have received from the publishers a review copy of this book, which is published at 10c. Some fifty pages are required to list the new issues that have appeared during the past year and numerous notes scattered through the list add considerably to its interest. The illustrations are excellent. Many changes in prices are also given and blank pages for memoranda are introduced in connection with the two divisions of the list. Published by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 127 Madison Ave., N. Y. City.

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*528 to 535 unused	1.30	.55
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*540 to 547 unused	2.18	1.10
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*549 1 peso unused	2.00	1.25
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*586 unused	.04	.02
586 used		.04
*587-8-9 unused	.75	.30
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Trans-Mississippi, Issue of 1898.

Early in 1897 it was announced that a series of commemorative stamps would be issued for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, held at Omaha. This exposition was not of national importance, and the proposed series caused considerable protest from collectors, as being unnecessary.

However, the stamps soon made their appearance, and were not taken to kindly by the general public, as the designs did not appeal to all people. It was the original intention to issue this series in two colors, printing the borders in color and the center vignette in black. Plate proofs are not uncommon in the two colors. Also it was the original intention to use the Mississippi Bridge scene on the 2c stamp instead of the $2.00, and to use the harvest scene on that stamp. However, the work connected with the Spanish War made it impossible to issue a series in two colors, and the idea was abandoned.

All of the designs picture various scenes of life and history in the Mississippi Valley. The stamps are similar in size to the Columbian issue, and the center designs are very handsome, though the heavy ornamentations of the border detract from the general appearance somewhat.

The following designs and colors are used:

1c dark green, Marquette on the Mississippi, from painting by Lamprecht.

2c copper red, Farming in the West, from a photograph.

4c orange, Indian Hunting Buffalo, from an engraving.

5c dull blue, Fremont on the Rocky Mountains, from an engraving.

8c violet brown, Troops guarding Train, from a drawing by Frederic Remington.

10c gray violet, Hardships of Emigration, from a painting by A. G. Heaton.

50c sage green, Western Mining Prospector, from a drawing by Frederic Remington.

$1 black, Western Cattle in a Storm, from engraving after J. MacWhirter.

$2 orange brown, Mississippi River Bridge, from an engraving.

It was the original intention to issue the $1.00 stamp in brown and the $2.00 stamp in sapphire blue.

The eight cent stamp exists imperforate horizontally. Aside from this, there are no varieties of importance in this issue. The paper, perforation and gum are practically the same as on the regular watermarked stamps.

Regular Issue of 1898.

A suggestion was made by the Universal Postal Union to standardize the colors on the stamps of the members of the Union, so that all stamps of the denomination of 5 centimes or equivalent (1 cent) be printed in green, all stamps of 10 centimes or equivalent (2 cents) be printed in red, and all stamps of 25 centimes or equivalent (5 cents) be printed in blue.

It was therefore advisable to change these values in the United States set to correspond with this rule, so in January, 1898, the color of the 1c stamp was changed from blue to deep green, and the color of the 5c stamp to dark blue instead of chocolate.

A few months later, to avoid the confusion of the similarity of colors, the 4c stamp was changed from dark brown to rose brown, the 6c from dull brown to lake, the 10c from green to orange brown, and the 15c from dark blue to olive green.

The colors of the new stamps offer an unusually large range of shades, some of which are scarce. Notably prominent in this series is the 2c in rose carmine, which is an exceptionally hard stamp to find.

Two die varieties of the ten cent stamp exist in this issue, they were discovered only in 1915.

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This series is without doubt one of the handsomest ever issued by the Bureau. The center vignettes are printed black, while the borders are printed in the colors corresponding to the ordinary varieties.

The stamps were placed on sale May 1, 1901, and bear the following designs. The colors given are for the frame only, the center being in black:

1c green, Fast Lake Navigation, from a painting of the "City of Altoona."

2c carmine, Fast Express, from an illustration of the Empire State Express.

4c chocolate, Automobile, from a photograph.

5c ultramarine, Steel arch bridge over Niagara Falls at Buffalo from an illustration.

8c brown violet, Canal Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, from a photograph.

10c yellow brown, Fast Ocean Navigation, from a painting.

The paper, perforation and gum are practically the same as on the ordinary stamps of that period.

This issue includes two of the rarest stamps of the United States, the 1c and 2c with inverted frames. These values were printed in this condition by accident, and were placed in circulation. The 2c value is by far the rarest, as only a very few copies were discovered. One sheet of four hundred of the 4c value was printed with inverted center, but this appears to have been done by favor, and was not regularly issued. Part of the sheet was imprinted "specimen" but all of the inverts of this value may be considered as coming from this sheet, whether so imprinted or not.

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ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON AND STAMP COLLECTING.

By T. Martin Wears.

The following appears in *The Stamp Collector* by W. J. Hardy and E. D. Bacon ("Collector" series, Redway, London, 1898) at pp. 75-76:—

"The late Mr. R. L. Stevenson has allowed Philately to figure in 'The Wreckers' (*sic*). Like all popular novelists, this gentleman possessed a somewhat superficial acquaintance with details, and refers to Russian stamps unlike any which it has been a collector's good fortune to meet. But what of that? Stevenson wrote, no doubt, from vague recollections of boyhood; and the fact that he introduces the subject at all is that which is really important."

I must confess I am no reader of novels, although as a patriotic Scot I have managed, in the course of a fairly busy career, to read the two dozen odd novels of Sir Walter Scott. Personally, I have no objection to the novel, but my plea is that it takes up a deal of time to get through them which, in my opinion, might be more profitably employed otherwise.

Well, I started to read Stevenson's nautical novel, "The Wreckers" (Cassell 1892) with the chief purpose of verifying the above quotation. I read on and on until I began to think that the authors had made a mistake in their reference. At page 298 my eye, all along on the alert for things philatelic, caught the word "postage stamp," and I read there: "He was one of those who might commit a murder rather than confess the theft of a postage stamp." After reading another score of pages, I at last came to what I was in search of. I now quote to the end of Chapter XX.

Extract from "The Wreckers," by Robert Louis Stevenson and Lloyd Osbourne. (Cassell & Company, Ltd., London, Paris, and Melbourne, 1892). Page 320-3 to end of Chapter XX.

"Dinner was scarce done, the cloth was not yet removed, when Miss Agnes must needs climb into my lap with her stamp album, a relic of the generosity of Uncle William. There are few things I despise more than old stamps, unless perhaps it be crests; for cattle (from the Carthew Chillinghams down to the old gate-keeper's milk cow in the lane) contempt is far from being my first sentiment. But it seemed I was doomed to pass that day in viewing curiosities, and smothering a yarn, I devoted myself once more to tread the well-known round. I fancy Uncle William must have begun the collection himself and tired of it, for the book (to my surprise) was quite respectably filled. There were the varying shades of the English penny, Russians with the coloured heart, old undecipherable Thurn-and-Taxis, obsolete triangular Cape of Good Hopes, Swan Rivers with the Swan, and Guianas with the sailing ship. Upon all these I looked with the eye of a fish and the spirit of a sheep; I think indeed I was at times asleep; and it was probably in one of these moments that I capsized the album and there fell from the end of it, upon the floor, a considerable number of what I believe to be called "exchanges."

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the disproportionate amount of five-sous French stamps. Someone, I reasoned, must write very regularly from France to the neighborhood of Stallbridge-le-Carthew. Could it be Norris? On one stamp I made out an initial C; upon a second I got as far as C H; beyond which point, the postmark used was in every instance undecipherable. C H, when you consider that about a quarter of the towns in France begin with "chateau," was an insufficient clue; and I promptly annexed the plainest of the collection, in order to consult the Post office.

The wretched infant took me in the act.

"Naughty man, to 'teal my 'tamp!" she cried; and when I would have brazened it off with a denial, recovered and displayed the stolen article.

My position was now highly false; and I believe it was in mere pity that Mrs. Higgs came to my rescue with a welcome proposition. If the gentleman was really interested in stamps, she said, probably supposing me a monomaniac on the point, he should see Mr. Denman's album. Mr. Denman had been collecting forty years, and his collection was said to be worth a mint of money. "Agnes," she went on, "if you were a kind little girl, you would run over to the 'All, tell Mr. Denman there's a connoisseur in the 'ouse, and ask him if one of the young gentlemen might bring the album down."

"I should like to see his exchanges, too," I cried, rising to the occasion. "I may have some of mine in my pocket-book, and we might trade."

Half an hour later, Mr. Denman arrived himself with a most unconscionable volume under his arm.

"Ah, sir," he cried, "When I 'eard you was a collector, I dropped all. It's a saying of mine, Mr. Dodsley, that collecting stamps makes all collectors kin. It's a bond, sir; it creates a bond."

Upon the truth of this, I cannot say; but there is no doubt that the attempt to pass yourself off for a collector falsely creates a precarious situation.

"Ah, here's the second issue!" I would say, after consulting the legend at the side. "The pink—no, I mean the mauve—yes, that's the beauty of this lot. Though of course, as you say," I would hasten to add, "This yellow on thin paper is more rare."

Indeed I must certainly have been detected, had I not plied Mr. Denman in self-defence with his favourite liquor—a port so excellent that it could never have ripened in the cellar of the Carthew Arms, but must have been transported, under cloud of night, from the neighbouring vaults of the great house. At each threat of exposure, and in particular whenever I was directly challenged for an opinion, I made haste to fill the butler's glass, and by the time we had got to the exchanges, he was in a condition in which no stamp collector need be seriously feared. God forbid I should hint that he was drunk; he seemed incapable of the necessary liveliness; but the man's eyes were set, and so long as he was suffered to talk without interruption, he seemed careless of my heeding him.

In Mr. Denman's exchanges, as in those of little Agnes, the same peculiarity was to be remarked, an undue preponderance of that despicably common stamp, the French twenty-five centimes. And here joining them in stealthy review, I found the C and the CH; then something of an A just following; and then a terminal Y. Here was also the whole name spelt out to me; it seemed familiar too; and yet for some time I could not bridge the imperfection. Then I came upon another stamp, in which an L was legible before the Y, and in a moment the word leaped up complete, Chailly, that was the name; Chailly-en-Bière, the post town of Barbizon—ah, there was the very place for any man to hide himself—there was the very place for Mr. Norris, who had rambled over England making sketches, the very place for Goddedaal, who had left a palette-knife on board the *Flying Scud*. Singular, indeed, that while I was drifting over England with the shyster, the man we were in quest of awaited me at my own ultimate destination.

Whether Mr. Denman had shown his album to Bellairs, whether, indeed, Bellairs could have caught (as I did) this hint from an obliterated postmark, I shall never know, and it mattered not. We were equal now; my task at Stallbridge-le-Carthew was accomplished; my interest in postage stamps died shamelessly away; the astonished Denman was bowed out; and ordering the horse to be put in, I plunged into the study of the time-table."

I need hardly explain that Stevenson introduces the stamp album into the story with a true touch of genius. The hero was a sort of amateur detective who wanted to lay hands on an English gentleman, as to whose whereabouts he had no clue whatever. The incidents above quoted happened near the country house of that gentleman, and by examining the stamp album of Miss Agnes (the innkeeper's daughter) and that of Mr. Denman, with whom the gentleman wanted was in correspondence, the detective was able to find out, as explained above, that his man was at Chailly-en-Bière. Accordingly, he goes straightway there, and finds him!

It may be that Stevenson did not know much about stamps, and presumably "wrote from vague recollections of boyhood," but I think his "vague recollections" served him in good stead in that they enabled him to refer to some points of interest of the stamps of Britain, Russia, Cape of Good Hope, etc. It is quite apparent that his reference to the Russians "with the coloured heart" does not refer to a design of a heart, but generally to the centres of the Russian adhesives, which are of a different colour from the surrounding design. He used the word "heart" as meaning centre, quite a legitimate use of the word. Thus, the inner part of anything, the core.

"A goodly apple rotten at the *heart*."
—Shakesp. Merchant of Venice i. 3.

By so doing one is hardly justified in the inference Stevenson "refers to Russian stamps unlike any with which it has been a collector's good fortune to meet." Stevenson knew quite well what he was writing about, and had a reliable memory to fall back on, a memory which no doubt helped in no small measure towards his success as a novelist.—*Stamp Collectors' Annual.*

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EDITORIAL.

Again—The issue of a thirteen cent stamp again has been decided upon, we are informed from Washington, as the need for a stamp of this denomination is obvious since the three cent rate has been effective. According to a despatch, the stamp will be of the general design of the stamps above seven cents and bear the bust of Franklin. The color has not been selected. Therefore, our present issue will soon present an unbroken front from one to thirteen cents, inclusive.

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Wonder—While on the subject of news from Washington, we need not ignore the following "story", which takes the form of a "special" from the capital, in the Chicago *Tribune:* "Post office officials here discovered a 3 cent stamped envelope of the centennial series of 1876, to-day. It was honored as good postage, although issued at an altogether different period and for a different purpose. It was mailed by a Washington resident to Philadelphia and was permitted to go through after a careful scrutiny. The old stamp was a green and white shield design. At the top was '1776' and at the bottom '1876'. A horse and rider and a railway postal car were shown in relief. At the time it was issued and until 1883, the postal rate was 3 cents for a half ounce, twice as much as the present rate." The cryptic allusion to the "different purpose" for which the centennial issue was intended eludes us. We have a suspicion that there is a stamp collector in the case. We can antedate this wonderful stamp; Colonel Bandholtz once sent us the three cent red on blue letter-sheet of the 1861 issue, which came through unnoticed and which marked the deadline between forbidden and allowable use.

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Possible—Perhaps the incident with the centennial envelope in the leading role, was studied by the anxious postal officers from many different angles. In fact, the analyst could find several problems in the case for the reason that the stamped envelopes, unlike the adhesive stamps issued before 1861, were never demonetized by official order, although inferentially the ban was placed on them as well as the stamps. We remember that in the old notices of new issues sent out by the postmaster general, a description of the "obsolete stamps" or the issues of "1847" and "1851" as known to the postal department, a description of the proscribed stamp usually was appended. So late as 1890, the postmaster general said that "many of the stamps of the latter issue are believed to be still outstanding; and they must not be accepted by postmasters in payment of postage." This warning had some foundation in fact, even, then, as we know that in that year, the complete sheet of one hundred unused three cent of the 1857-60 issue sold well under their face value in auction sales. What we intended to say before this is that stamped envelopes seemed to have been a neglected factor in the early annals of the postal department so far as advertising their penalization.

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Call—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who took his stamp album with him when calling on the dealer, in order that he would buy no stamps that he "had"? Is this o. f. c. arguing over the Sullivan-Ryan prize-fight with the old-fashioned dealer who got angry if he found a customer waiting for him in the morning before he opened his shop?

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Tax—The contribution in the issue of September 17th, 1917, on "tax paids," by Mr. Leslie Hart, attracted rather more attention than it was imagined it would. It evoked comment by readers and occasioned requests for information; and the following interesting reminiscences were forwarded by our friend, G. de Lachasse of Oakland, California: "When revenue stamp collectors were but very few in the '70's, I was wandering into the wilds of the first issues of the U. S. 'tax paids' for distilled spirits, beer, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, etc., as well as licenses, renewed every year. I was greatly helped in my search for the rarest varieties by a list of all the known 'tax paids,' compiled by Mr. William Brown (whom the New York collectors in particular must remember) and published by him in 1876, in his *Curiosity Cabinet.* Mr. Leslie Hart speaks of the 13 cigars stamp as having given him plenty of trouble to find. Well, I may say the same of a distilled spirits tax paid stamp,—the 'stock on hand' cataloged by Brown as one of the rarest of all these stamps, and this, in 1876. For several years I hunted high and low in every large New York whiskey firm, but uselessly; and I was about to give up the hunt when, just before leaving for the coast in 1884, an old broker friend of mine discovered in some forgotten corner of a warehouse, two empty barrels bearing two splendid specimens of that stamp, and secured them for me. These were the only ones that I ever saw. One of them, together with that 1876 copy of the *Curiosity Cabinet,* was included in the fine collection of U. S. and state revenues and tax paids that I sold in April, 1896, to the esteemed great San Francisco banker, Mr. William H. Crocker. I kept the other as a souvenir of my U. S. revenue collecting and I always greatly prized it. These very rare stamps are inscribed: 'Stamp for Stock on Hand, prior to November 1st, 1868,' and are printed in black on that hard yellowish paper peculiar to that class of tax paid stamps; they were numbered in red and have in very small type, engraved across the top: 'Engraved and printed by the Treasury Department'."

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Early—The correspondent whom we have quoted in the preceding paragraph says that for sixty years he has been devoted to stamps. This means that he collected so early as 1857 or before the day of anything in the way of stamp albums, lists or papers. This is an honorable mark of distinction, and we doubt if any other of our readers can compete with Mr. Lachasse. In this country, it is generally admitted that 1859 is the pioneer date of stamp collecting. Anyone who can claim allegiance to philately up to 1860 deserves a seat of honor in the councils of philately.

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Seven—We notice that on a pack of cards of the United States Playing Card Company, the two cent ultramarine with the surcharge in three lines: 10-4-1917—7 cents—U. S. P. C. Co. We understand that the tax on playing cards became effective immediately on the passage of the war revenue law enacted October 3, 1917, and so this surcharge marks an early date. The law is that on every pack of playing cards of not more than 54 cards, manufactured or imported and sold, after the passage of this act, 7 cents a pack must be paid.

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—The first number of *Stamp Trade* under the management of the Edgewood Stamp Co., has just appeared. It is dated October and the publishers state that the delay in installing machinery accounts for the lateness of the issue. November will go to press at once and the Edgewood Co. proposes to spare no energies in making this publication a sterling representative of the stamp trade. J. E. Holloway is editor and Robert C. Hooghkirk managing editor.

—"The following information is for Miss Amy L. Swift with my philatelic compliments:—'FLATEY' not 'FLATY' is a village in Iceland. The cancellation Crown and posthorn was quite common at that period all over the Island. The present postmark is 'Flatey 64.' 'FLATEYRI' is a postal district situated in a different part of the Island, comprising three villages, each with its own postmark, viz: HOLT 111; MYRA 115; VEHRADA 122."—JAC MEYER.

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And here's an honest sigh—
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Good bye, old stamp, good bye.

Your life has been a varied one,
With curious phases fraught—
Sometimes a check, sometimes a dun,
Your daily coming brought;
Smiles to a waiting lover's face,
Tears to a mother's eye,
Or joy or pain to every place—
Good bye, old stamp, good bye!

What wonder, then, that at this time
When you and I must part,
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Our philatelic friend has sent us a small photo, which we have endeavored to reproduce. He is in the uniform of the Seaforth Highlanders in which regiment, according to the *Stamp Collectors' Quarterly*, he served in France from the autumn of 1914, until he was wounded in September, 1915. With seventeen weeks in hospitals and three months in a camp convalescing, he returned home and has since been active in the interests of those who like himself, have been compelled to give up active service at the front.

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CRAWFORD, THOMAS.—An American sculptor, born in New York on March 22nd, 1814. His famous statue of "America" on the dome of the Capitol at Washington was reproduced on the 1c to 10c Periodical stamps of the United States. Crawford died in London on October 16th, 1857.

CRAZIA.—(Plural; Crazie).—The value in which many of the stamps of Tuscany were expressed. Twelve crazie were equal to a lira, which was worth about 16c in American money.

CRESCENT AND STAR.—I. A watermark shown in the stamps of Egypt and of the Sudan. In the former one device is apportioned to each stamp while in the case of the Sudan the watermark is multiple. The crescent is a symbol adopted by the Turks on taking Constantinople in 1453, and, in conjunction with a star, it is greatly revered by all good Mohammedans.

II. Some of the 2c brown stamps of the Straits Settlements, with "CC" watermark were overprinted with a star and crescent for use in Johore in 1878. A similar overprint with the letters "P" or "S" added was applied to the same Straits Settlements stamps for use in Perak and Selangor respectively, in 1878. In the same year, the then current ½ anna stamp of India and the 2c brown Straits Settlements stamps were overprinted with a star and crescent and the letters "S.U" for use in Sungei Ujong.

CRESSMAN & CO.'S POST.—A local "penny post" operating in Philadelphia in connection with which stamps were issued. These labels bear no indication of the value at which they were sold.

CRETE.—The principal island of the chain which divides the Greek Archipelago from the eastern basin of the Mediterranean Sea. It is often known by its Italian name of Candia, derived from the Arabic Khandah. The island has an area of 2,950 square miles and a population of over 300,000, nine-tenths being Christians. According to Greek tradition, Crete was the island of a hundred cities. The ancient legends of the "sea power of Minos" have been confirmed by modern discoveries at Knossus and elsewhere of the relics of an advanced civilisation, which culminated in the bronze age (1500-1300, B. C.), and collapsed soon afterwards at the period when iron was introduced. About 500 B. C., Crete became notorious for its internal quarrels, and in Hellenistic times (300-70 B. C.), it was a dangerous nest of pirates and adventurers and gave refuge to an important colony of Jews. It was annexed by Rome in 68 B. C., and during the life time of St. Paul, was the seat of a Christian community. In 823 A. D., it was conquered by the Saracens, but was retaken by Byzantium in 961. In 1183, it was granted to Boniface, Marquis of Montferrat, who sold it to the Republic of Venice in 1204. Frequent quarrels between the Greek and Latin Churches, combined with oppression of the Venetians, made a Turkish conquest easy in 1645. The town of Candia, however, offered a stubborn resistance and was in a state of intermittent siege for a period of no less than 24 years, and made an honorable surrender in 1669. Turkish dominion was never completely acknowledged and revolts were frequent down to 1899, when Prince George of Greece was established as High Commissioner under the joint protection of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy. Administration of an European style was introduced with a National Assembly, popularly elected, the Sultan of Turkey retaining only nominal suzerainty. Shortly after the occupation of the island by the Powers in 1898, stamps were issued for use in the province of Candia administered by the British authorities. In 1899, stamps were issued for use in Rethymo, then governed by the Russians, but considerable doubt exists as to the status of these. The first stamps issued under the auspices of the Permanent Government appeared in 1900, and since Sept. 21st, 1908, all Cretan stamps have been overprinted with characters signifying "Greece". Turkey, however, still retains nominal, if precarious, suzerainty over the island.

CRETE, FRENCH.—(See French Crete.)

CRETE, ITALIAN.—(See La Canea.)

CRETE, AUSTRIAN.—(See Austrian Crete.)

CROSBY'S CITY POST.—A local post of the United States, established in 1871, but at what town I have been unable to discover. In connection with this post 2c stamps were issued.

CROSS.—A watermark shown in all stamps of Switzerland issued since 1862. On the stamps issued prior to 1905, this is not a true watermark, for it was not impressed in the paper pulp during the manufacture of the paper, but was applied to the finished paper under considerable pressure. Since 1913, a watermark of multiple crosses has appeared in the stamps of Denmark.

CROSSED LINES.—A watermark found in the Spanish stamps of 1856, and those issued in the same year for

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	No. 26a	3c violet, imperf.	.06
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	No. 28a	6c drab, imperf.	.12
1892	No. 36	6c green	.12
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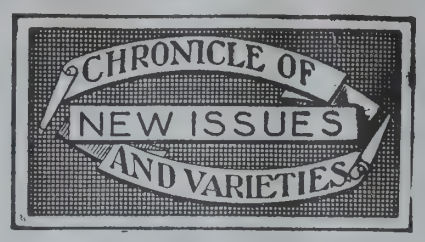
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UNITED STATES.—(1402).—Last week we stated that there would probably be some new Revenue stamps to chronicle this week, and there are. The new documentary stamps will be ready for distribution prior to the time their use becomes effective, December 1st. We have, however, word from Mr. Chas. S. Thompson, that the 2c ultramarine Playing Cards stamp is now sold at 7c, bearing the surcharge, applied by hand, with rubber stamp and magenta (acid fuchsine aniline) ink, "ACT OF OCT. 1917" in large Roman capitals, extending over three stamps. Mr. Thompson states that they come inverted and tete-beche. Tax paid stamps, including beer, fermented liquors, cigarette, cigar and tobacco stamps, now appear with the surcharge "Act of Oct. 3, 1917" in different types for the different stamps. We will not attempt to list them here, but if any of our readers can supply a list, we will be very glad to give space in this Department.

Mr. Wm. T. Kimball has submitted for our inspection what appears to be a provisional war revenue check stamp issued by the Boston & Maine Railroad. It is upright rectangular in shape and bears the inscription in four lines "Attach to Ticket—War Revenue—Paid as Punched—Below". A table of values follows in three-column form running from 1c to 10c, then multiples of 10c to $1 and multiples of $1 up to $10. The check is printed in black with the exception of the serial number in red, and the amount of the revenue paid is shown by the conductor's punch. Mr. Kimball states that these checks are used to attach to remainders of mileage, commutation and single tickets to validate them.

(1399).—The new postage rate on first class mail has produced a number of new things to go into the collectors' albums. Mr. T. J. Eppes sends us a bunch of 3c stamps which came on one morning's mail. These included the perforated 10 in three shades, the perforated 11 in six shades, notably blue-violet, deep violet, bright violet, lavender and pale red-lilac, the Schermack II perf. on a light violet stamp, and the Rotary printed horizontally coiled stamps in violet, pale violet and bright lavender.

Mr. Chas. H. McBride sends us the following clipping from a Washington newspaper:

"The Postoffice Department has requested the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to prepare a model for a new 13c postage stamp to be used in the payment of the registry fee and a single rate of postage on letters or for the special delivery fee and a single rate of postage. The stamp is to bear the head of Franklin and be of the size and border design of the current issues above 7c. The color will be selected later. This has been done to provide for the increased rates of postage on first class matter."

We hear, indirectly, that the 6c stamps will be issued in coils, probably provisionally prepared from flat plate sheet stamps, perforated vertically, and also that the 6c stamp will be issued imperforate for the purpose of allowing the private mailing machine concerns to apply their own special perforations. Rotary printed 6c stamps in coils will also probably be made.

(1401).—The 3c envelope stamp (same design as 2c) appeared about the 3rd of the month. Mr. Geo. C. Roberts showed us the 3c violet on buff, Mr. Benj. Cadbury showed us the 3c violet on amber, and Messrs. C. H. McBride and H. M. Drown submitted the 3c violet on white. We note two Dies of the 3c on white. Die A shows the "U" of "UNITED" and the "E" of "POSTAGE" close to the numeral circles, (this Die we also find on the buff and amber envelopes), while Die B shows the "U" and "E" at some distance from the numeral circles. In the latter, also, the final "S" in "STATES" extends above the "E" of the same word. There will probably be at least five Dies of this new value. The actual listing of the sizes, watermarks and knives, we will leave for Mr. Bartels to furnish, as he has so considerately done in the past.

(1389).—To accomodate the new rate for postal cards, a new 2c card has been issued (Nov. 1st). The design is similar to the superseded 1c, containing a profile portrait of Jefferson. This is in an ellipse on end, containing "U. S. POSTAL CARD", with "JEFFERSON" on a curved tablet below. The ellipse is on a fancy base containing "2 CENTS 2". The instruction inscription is the same as the preceding card. The plates for printing the new postal cards were made by The Maurice Joyce Engraving Co., after a design prepared, we believe, by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing. The card is cream colored and of good quality. It is probable that the inferior grade card will be provided for printing circulars in sheets, like was done for the 1c green Jefferson cards. We may also expect a 2c+2c reply card in the near future.

Adhesive.
1908 design. Unwmkd.
3c violet, imperf.

Postal Card.
2c carmine on cream.

Envelopes.
3c violet on white, Die A.
3c violet on oriental-buff, Die A.
3c violet on amber, Die A.
3c violet on white, Die B.

(1402).—Mr. Eugene Tilleux, Jr., advises us of the Atlanta, Ga., and Minneapolis, Minn., use of 2nd Liberty Loan cancellations.

BOSNIA.—*Scott's Circular* chronicles a new series of postage stamps with portrait of Emperor Charles; the krone values being slightly larger than the heller values. All have "BOSNIEN-HERCEGOVINA" across the top, and "K. u. K. MILITAR POST" in two lines below the portrait, the numerals of value being in each lower corner. The stamps are perforated 12½, and we presume that they are line-engraved.

Adhesives.

3h olive-black.	40h olive-bistre.
5h yellow-green.	50h blue-green.
6h violet.	60h rose-carmine.
10h red-brown.	80h dark blue.
12h deep blue.	90h red-violet.
15h bright rose.	2k claret on straw.
20h lilac-brown.	3k green on blue.
25h blue-violet.	4k carm. on green.
30h greenish-blk.	10k violet on gray.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The *Colonial Journal* states that the 25c stamp has been supplied to the Colony on Multiple Crown & CA watermarked green paper printed from plate No. 2.

CANADA.—(1400).—Mr. Geo. N. Hargraft writes that he has a copy of the picture, "Fathers of Confederation", underneath which the words "After the painting by Robert Harris" appear. Mr. Hargraft also calls attention to a minor variety of the Confederation commemorative stamp, where a thin line runs vertically through the left arm of the "T" in "CENTS". This variety occurs on stamp No. 45 in the lower left pane, and *also* elsewhere on this pane or one of the other three panes of fifty, because the copy submitted by Mr. Hargraft is perforated all round, while the No. 45 referred to has a straight edge at right.

Mr. Hargraft sends us the enlightening information that our correspondent's statement, in the October 27th Chronicle, that the plate number appears under the lower left pane only, is incorrect. That he (Mr. Hargraft) has a lower right pane with plate number A4. We take it upon our own shoulders to state that the only plate number we had seen was A3. and this was the one Mr. Mongeon referred to in our Chronicle of the date given above. Whether plate No. A4 comes with more than the one plate number, elsewhere than under the right lower pane we cannot state. We would, however, also like to know, for the purpose of actually chronicling, whether the Confederation stamp comes with plates numbered A1 and A2 and higher numbers than A3 and A4.

The following article in *Scott's Circular* is of more than passing interest: "Mr. Wm. J. Forgie calls our attention to a retouch on the current 3c brown war tax stamp. When the stamp was printed in carmine and in the earliest printings in brown, there was a colored line between two white lines below the large letter 'T'. On later printings of the brown stamps we find the right half of the colored line has been replaced by two short diagonal lines and five small dots. On looking for other retouches we find one which was not mentioned by Mr. Forgie. There are four lines crossing the left side of the King's ear, which apparently represent a lock of hair. These lines are quite faint on the stamps from the original die, but have been much strengthened on the re-cut die. As all the stamps on a sheet show identical changes it is evident that the re-cutting was done on the die and not on the plate. Mr. Forgie writes: 'I cannot learn the date when the re-touched variety was first put in use. Was unable to obtain any originals after Dec. 20, 1916, when I first noticed the difference.' It is probable that all the carmine stamps are from the die before re-cutting. The brown stamps, both original and re-cut design,

Advertising Chat

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—C. B. MARX.—The party in question is O. K. and you should be able to get a settlement of your claim. He is in the service and compelled to suspend dealing operations for the time being.

—We welcome back this week E. T. Parker with three goodly advertisements. He is an old patron of the WEEKLY and we hope our subscribers will extend him the glad hand.

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160, Honduras 1913-15, 5c on 2c, used, .13
164, Honduras 1913-15, 10c on 6c, used, .30
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are found with perforation 12 and also in coils with perforation 8 vertically."

Our reference collection discloses the fact that the re-cut die brown stamps came on our earliest mail after the brown stamps were issued sometime in September, 1916, and did not disclose any of the brown stamps, perforated 12 all round, of the original design. Our earliest brown coil stamps, perf. 8 vertically, are all of the original design. We have not found any of the carmine stamps of the re-cut design.

CAYMAN ISLANDS.—(1397)—*The Colonial Journal* gives us the information that the London printed 1½d War Stamps were produced by overprinting on the 2½d stamps from plate No. 5.

GRENADA.—*The Colonial Journal* states that the ½d and 1d stamps have been printed from plate No. 2 and supplied to the Colony.

HAYTI.—(1400)—In our Chronicle of October 27th we asked for a "little light" on the 1915 issue of Hayti, Scott's numbers 219 to 234 and 242. We have word from Major Giles Bishop, Jr., that throws a "little light" on the subject, and we gratefully thank our correspondent for the information he imparts as follows:

"These stamps have absolutely no business being listed in a stamp catalogue and it is safe to say that the dealers in these stamps knew of this. I have found personally from the Banque National d'Haiti at Port au Prince that these stamps were never placed on sale nor ever officially received in Hayti. Large quantities were stolen before their supposed delivery and as a consequence they will probably never be sold by the Haytian Government. The dealers received the stamps, however, and put them on sale, hence they must have been purchased from the thief or persons connected with them."

This is news of a grave character and we publish it because the question arose about the use of these stamps and the answer is, according to our correspondent, that the stamps were never issued.

Major Bishop also writes: "Speaking of unlisted varieties, I have one which I doubt can be duplicated. A block of four No. 181, but one stamp is unsurcharged. I looked over some two or three hundred thousands of these stamps and this was the only error I found of that nature. Another unlisted variety is No. 504 with the 'GL.O.Z.' surcharge. Also, I have seen no mention of the two types of this surcharge. I wrote about it once to one of the dealers, but they thanked me for the letter, saying the difference was too minor to call attention to it. However, I suppose in a few years the scarcer varieties will come up as a 'new find'. I will explain the difference. In type I the vertical arm of the 'L' in 'GL.' is longer than the horizontal line and the '1' of '1914' is below the period between 'O' and 'Z'. In type II the two arms of the 'L' are the same length and the '1' of '1914' is slightly to the right below the period. This gives many minor varieties, but both types are not found on all stamps."

We would be pleased to publish a list of these varieties if supplied by some student of these stamps.

HONG KONG.—"A supply of 1½ cent post-cards, a new duty, is in course of preparation."—*The Colonial Journal.*

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—(1397)—*The Colonial Journal* is our authority for stating that the 2d stamps printed from plate No. 5 have been supplied to this Colony.

LIECHTENSTEIN.—(1391)—*Scott's Circular* gives a corrected chronicle of recently issued stamps for this country. The 3h and 15h stamps mentioned in our chronicles of May 26th and August 25th are of new designs, though the old formation is retained, instead of being like the first stamps issued for this country, the 3h showing the coat of arms of the principality and the 15h showing a portrait of Prince John, similar to the earlier stamps, but without the small escutcheon in the upper right corner of the stamp. New 5h, same type as the 3h, and new 10h and 25h, in the same design as the recently issued 15h, mentioned above, have also been issued according to the chronicle in our contemporary.

Adhesives.

5h yellow-green.
10h claret.
25h deep blue.

NIUE.—(1402)—*Scott's Circular* chronicles the 1d 1909 and the 3d 1916, of New Zealand overprinted "Niue" in black and blue, respectively, also listing varieties of both, without period after "Peni". These are chronicled in our contemporary under a heading of three different perforations, 14x13½, 14x14½, 14x15, but whether both values come with all three perforations we are not informed.

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*The Colonial Journal* publishes the following: "The 25 and 30 cents stamps have been printed from plate No. 5, and the 45 cents has been printed on C.A. green paper from plate No. 1.

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West's work on "U. S. Revenues" is about concluded and will follow in book form the two booklets already referred to. It is the work of an authority on the subject and we are pleased to add it to our list.

Mr. West will next treat the U. S. Match and Medicine stamps and will no doubt help in popularizing these somewhat neglected stamps. He will begin the serial immediately.

J. Delano Bartlett, who is well known for his interest in tax paids, will soon begin some articles on these sidelines in U. S. collecting.

Mr. Howe's "China" is coming along slowly but surely. Mr. Howes detests slipshod literary work and we have no other recourse than to let him take the time he needs. A new subscriber from Malay States writes "Send me all back numbers containing Mr. Howe's China." It will be some book.

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the combined use of Cuba and Porto Rico.

CROSSES AND CIRCLES.—A watermark shown in the stamps of the Dominican Republic issued since 1907, and in the Municipal and Official stamps of Wurtemberg issued since 1906. This paper was used by the German Imperial Printing Office where the before mentioned stamps were produced.

CROSS, MALTESE.—(See Maltese Cross.)

CROWN.—The device of a crown has been used for a watermark in the stamps of many countries including Great Britain, Hungary, Denmark, and Italy. These crowns are naturally of various shapes, Great Britain alone providing three varieties distinguished as "small", "large", and "Imperial".

CROWN A.—Many of the recent stamps of the States included in the Commonwealth of Australia and those of the Commonwealth itself, are watermarked with a device consisting of a large "A" surmounted by a crown. The "A", of course, stands for "Australia".

CROWN B. T.—A device perforated through certain British stamps used on the official correspondence emanating from the Board of Trade. These stamps were used as early as 1892, and probably before that date. It is interesting to note that this important Government Department was never supplied with overprinted stamps.

CROWN C A.—A watermarked device shown in numerous British Colonial stamps issued since about 1882. The letters "C A" stand for "Crown Agents" and refer to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, who have charge of the arrangements for the production of most of the colonial postage stamps printed in London. There are three varieties of this watermark—(1) a single representation of the device intended for stamps of normal size; (2) a multiple pattern of the same suitable for stamps and sheets of any size; and (3) a widely spaced Crown and C A used for long stamps like the current 2s, 4s, 8s and 20s labels of Gibraltar. The multiple variety is the one now exclusively used.

CROWN C C.—Another watermarked device shown in numerous British Colonial stamps, the letters "C C" indicating "Crown Colonies". There are two varieties of this watermark, one for stamps of normal size and one for larger labels. The small "C C" variety was used from 1863 until 1882, when it was gradually superseded by the "C A" watermark. The large "C C" variety was in use until comparatively recently.

CROWN G. R.—Since 1912, all stamps of Great Britain have been watermarked with a device consisting of a small crown over the letters "GR" in script capitals. These latter, of course, stand for "Georgius Rex" (King George).

CROWN N S W.—The majority of the stamps of New South Wales stamps issued between 1871 and 1905, are watermarked with a crown over the letters "N S W" the latter being the initials of the name of the Colony.

CROWN Q.—The "Q" stands for "Queensland" and from 1868, until about 1906, most of the stamps of that Colony were watermarked with this device.

CROWN S A.—From 1868 until the "Commonwealth" watermark was introduced, the majority of the stamps of South Australia were watermarked with a device consisting of the letters "S A" surmounted by a Crown.

CROWN V.—(See V and Crown.)

CROWN W A.—(See W Crown A.)

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Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, died November 11. Her death had been expected for several days.

Formal announcement of the queen's death was made by Curtis P. Laukea, secretary of the territory, and announcement was made to the people by the tolling of bells and the half-staffing of flags. Her old subjects among the natives, including chiefs of the old regime, immediately gathered to mourn.

The funeral is to take place Sunday. Meanwhile, the body will lie in state in the Kauaiahao church until Saturday, November 17, when it will be removed to the throne room of the palace, where the funeral services will be held. All the pomp of the old days will be revived and the ancient customs observed.

Queen Liliuokalani was the eighth and last monarch to hold sway over the entire Hawaiian insular group; she reigned for only two years before the revolution, more than 20 years ago, which led to the annexation of the islands to the United States.

She was born September 2, 1838, in Honolulu. She traced her ancestry back to the foundation of the Kamehameha dynasty.

The princess received her education in the old Royal school, all the pupils of which were children of the royal family, or of the high chiefs. While attending this school, Liliuokalani first met the boy who later became her husband, John O. Dominis, son of an American sea captain. She was married to him September 16, 1862. Her husband, Dominis, was for many years governor of Oahu, which position he held until his death in 1891.

Liliuokalani ascended the throne of Hawaii January 29, 1891, immediately following the receipt of news from San Francisco that her brother, King Kalakaua, had died there nine days previously.

Following Kalakaua's death, Liliuokalani began her reign with renewed determination to abolish restrictions on the power of the crown. Her first move was to appoint a new cabinet, with the members of which she made the condition that she should control all appointments.

A bold attempt by the queen to deprive the white residents of any voice in the affairs of government, led to prompt retaliatory measures.

As a result, on July 4, 1894, the Republic of Hawaii was proclaimed, with Sanford B. Dole as president.

On January 16, 1895, just two years after being deposed, Liliuokalani was arrested on the charge of being a participant in a plot to overthrow the existing government and resume her sovereignty. Eight days later she formally renounced all claim to the throne. After nine months' confinement in her former palace, she and forty-eight others were pardoned, and, when, on August 12, 1898, Hawaii became a territory of the United States, she declared her fealty to the country that had adopted her.

The later years of her life Liliuokalani remained quietly at home. She had ceased to reign as a sovereign monarch, but she still reigned as queen in the hearts of her people, the native Hawaiians, who venerated her and paid her court as though she still sat upon the throne. She was a composer of hundreds of Hawaiian songs, some of which became popular in the United States.

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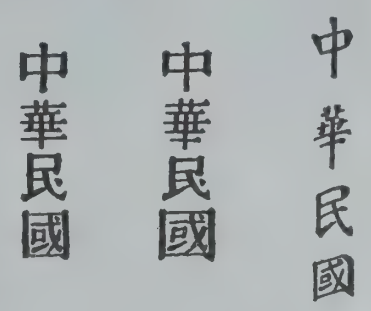
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CHINA AND ITS STAMPS.

By C. A. HOWES, F. R. P. S., Ex-President American Philatelic Society.

On the same day that the "cruciform" surcharges were issued at Nanking, viz., March 22, 1912, the ½ cent stamp was issued at Shanghai with the normal Republican overprint, illustrated in the



Type I. *Type II.* *Type III.*

figure as type I. (The illustrations are double the size of the regular surcharges.) This reads from the top downwards *Chung-Hua Min-kuo*, literally "Middle Flowery People's Nation" or freely translated into English as "Chinese Republic." The 1, 3, 7 and 16 cent and 1, 2 and 5 dollar stamps are stated to have been issued at Nanking on March 24th, and shortly all values of the regular series were in use with the Republican overprint. The ½, 4, 7, 20, and 30 cents and 1, 2, and 5 dollar stamps have the surcharge impressed in black, while the 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 16 and 50 cent stamps have it impressed in red.

It was soon found that a variation existed in the size of the bottom character of the surcharge on the 1 cent and 2 cent stamps, and it has been determined that this was due to the work of a second printing establishment. The entire series of stamps was surcharged with one "font" of Chinese type by the Statistical Department of the Inspectorate General of Customs at Shanghai, which does all the printing and publishing for the Customs. But to help out, a large quantity of 1 cent and 2 cent stamps were sent to the printing office of the *Commercial Press*, at Shanghai and there surcharged with the same four characters, but these were from a slightly different "font" of Chinese type. The height of the surcharge is just the same, viz., 14 mm., but the square character at the bottom is noticeably wider in the Commercial Press overprint. The difference is only about one hundredth of an inch, but it is readily apparent at a glance when once identified. The other characters are practically the same width as the Statistical Department surcharge, but the second one from the top has the horizontal stroke at the bottom much shorter than the Statistical Department character. In the Commercial Press "font" all the fine lines of the characters are in general much thinner than in the Statistical Department "font", and the color of the surcharge is a lighter red. Various statements have appeared that other values besides the 1 cent and 2 cents were surcharged at the Commercial Press, but these two at least were the only ones done under the Postal Department order.

The surcharges printed at the Statistical Department vary considerably in clearness, some being very fine and clearly printed—perhaps the earliest impressions—and others being heavy and blotted, the top and bottom characters especially sometimes being simply solid blotches of color, evidently having clogged up with ink during the progress of the work and not having been cleaned out. Concerning these differences, a letter from Mr. E. Widler of Shanghai says:—

"There are various thicknesses of impression surcharged by the Statistical Department. On the right side of some sheets the surcharge is all very clear and well impressed, whereas those on the left, or at the bottom, of a thicker, unclear and flat impression, or vice versa. If these stamps are examined individually, they give every reason to believe that they were printed from different types, which is really due to the difference of pressure exerted upon the types from the press."

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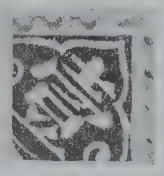
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at several different offices, he having bought some at the Shanghai post office. He also says that at the time the stamps were overprinted "a sufficient quantity of printers' ink of one special kind was not to be had, so various kinds of ink in small quantities were used. The ultimate result naturally produced various shades of the overprint on several denominations, from a deep, dark red-brown to light red and crimson. Comparing a great number of the lower values, I can identify several minor shades, viz:—red-brown, vermilion and light red for the 1 cent; deep rose, carmine and crimson for the 2 cents and 3 cents; and chocolate, red-brown and crimson for the 10 cents."

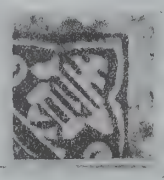
There are a few inverted surcharges to record, of course, the ½ cent being the most common. Concerning them, Mr. Widler writes: "There are many of the ½ cent emanating from Wuchang; of the 3 cents from Hangchow, Hankow, Ningpo, Shaoshingfu, and prove that many sheets of these have been issued. Of the 1 cent inverted, there are very few. The surcharges of the above are all of the Statistical type. Of the 1 cent, there are some of the Commercial Press type as well." The ½ cent was also issued at Yunnanfu, and a sheet of the 2 dollar stamp was issued at Tientsin. The 1 cent occurs with double surcharge, "in all cases overlapping, never quite apart" in the genuine. Several shifted and missing character varieties will also be found noted in the reference list.

While the stock of Imperial stamps on hand at Shanghai had been transformed into Republican stamps by applying the new name locally, further supplies sent out by Messrs. Waterlow and Sons from London were ordered to have the new name overprinted during the process of manufacture until a new permanent Republican issue could be prepared. The result was a third type of the Republican surcharge quite unlike the two applied in Shanghai. The characters read the same, *Chung-hua Min-kuo*, but where the Shanghai characters were in the "square" or "book" form used in the printing office, the London characters were in the easy, slanting form of the written hand. The difference corresponds fairly well to what we call "Roman" and "Italic" type of letters. This is shown enlarged twice in the cut as Type III. It is about the same width as the other overprints, but is spaced more so as to be 19 mm. high. The first value to appear with the London print was the 1 cent in August, 1912, followed very closely by the ½ cent. Other values appeared as stocks of the locally surcharged stamps were used up and it was not until July, 1913, that the final five values, those least used ordinarily, were issued in the Waterlow type. These were the 7, 16, 30 and 50 cents, and 2 dollars. The colors of the surcharges were as before except on the lowest and highest values—the ½ cent being in dark blue instead of black, and the 5 dollars in red instead of black. Again Mr. Widler gives us some data on the shades of the surcharges. He says:—"When first issued they were light blue, then blue-black for the ½ cent; brown-red, then light red for the 1 cent; deep rose, then crimson for the 2 cents; dark red-brown then crimson for the 3 cents."

The 3 cent stamp is the only one so far reported with an inverted overprint.



Normal.



Retouch No. 12.



Retouch No. 20.

It has been discovered by Mr. P. L. Pemberton that the plate of the 1 cent stamp was damaged and then retouched by Messrs. Waterlow, and that all three of the types of Republican surcharge are found upon the retouched stamps. It will be recalled, from Chapter X, that these stamps are printed in small panes of twenty, five rows of four, and that twelve panes in three rows of four make a sheet. The damage apparently occurred at the middle of the left-hand margin of the *plate* (the right-hand margin of the *sheet*) and fell on the right upper corner of stamp number 12 in pane number 8 as printed. The normal Chinese character in this corner has at the top a short, heavy line crossed at the middle and at the bottom by two thinner lines. In the retouch these two lines are thicker and the bottom one is extended to join the white triangular blotch beneath it, while the top of the character has a third short line or "cap" upon it. The scroll beneath the character has also had the ball in which it ends somewhat enlarged. When once identified the variety is readily recognized, but it seems to be somewhat scarce, even though occurring once in every sheet of 240 stamps. It may be, however, that several undamaged plates of the 1 cent stamp were in concurrent use with the retouched one, and that the variety did not appear upon all the sheets printed.

The second stamp below number 12 in the same pane, being stamp number 20, in pane number 8, was also retouched in the right upper corner, but not so noticeably. It consists in the thickening of the top of the character at the right of the short heavy line, so that the colored "dent" usually appearing there, is almost obliterated, while the colored outer frame line of the stamp has been noticeably thickened just opposite this point. The illustrations of the normal "corner" and the two varieties show the differences quite plainly. Inasmuch as the varieties occur with both Shanghai overprints, it is evident that they were in stock in Shanghai in an unsurcharged state and it is quite possible that they were issued thus. They ought certainly to be good stamps to look for in this condition.

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postmarks were introduced, of which the illustration is a sample. In this type the name of the town appears in English in the upper section of the circle, though usually it is in a straight line. The corresponding Chinese characters appear in the bottom section of the circle. The date in the central "box" is wholly in Chinese, reading in the present instance, *Yüan nien*, that is, "beginning year" or "first year of the Republic (1912)", *chêng yüeh* or "first moon (month)", and "17" for the day of the month. As the Nanking Provisional Government adopted the Gregorian or Christian calendar at the beginning of 1912, and as it is now the official calendar of China, the months and days, of course, correspond with our own and "first month 17" would be January 17th. The year is that of the Republic, 1917 being "Chung-hua Min-kuo 6th year." The second variety of the postmark is similar but has two Chinese characters in the upper section of the circle, these being the name of the Province in which the town is situated. The sizes of both postmarks vary, and the small-sized postmark introduced about 1899 and illustrated in Chapter X is still frequently employed.

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March, 1912. Vertical surcharge, Type I ("Statistical Department" surcharge).

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Top 3rd character broken.

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Top 3rd character broken.
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Second character missing.
Imperforate horizontally.
Retouched corner (2 varieties).

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Fourth character defective.
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5 dollars, deep green and rose, *black surcharge.*

March, 1912. Vertical surcharge, Type II ("Commercial Press" surcharge).

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Second character shifted to right.
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Day—On November 10th, 1917, the Cincinnati Philatelic Society entertained philatelic guests from different sections of Ohio and contiguous states in a right royal way. In fact, one could not conceive of completer enjoyment than that which prevailed during the busy hours of the memorable day. The occasion was a festive one, but the dominant note was deeply philatelic; and we are sure that not alone was each participant entertained, but also instructed. We are glad to pay a deserved tribute to the Cincinnati collectors, who were hosts ever considerate of the comfort and convenience of the visitors and we are sure that the gentlemen who gave so unstintedly of their time and effort will be borne in loving thought by those who came from a distance. The renaissance of Cincinnati as a philatelic center, or better, the entry of the Queen City into an active part in the philatelic affairs of the nation, was an unalloyed triumph.

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Program—We shall sketch briefly the social features of the occasion before saying a few words as to the philatelic diversions. The dozen or more out-of-town visitors were met by the local members and made to feel at home at once. A morning automobile ride through the city and environs was the prelude to luncheon at a special table in the Metropole. The afternoon was given over to a stamp orgy at the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, where a strong exhibit of collections of local philatelists was made. In the evening, a beef-steak dinner was given under the happiest auspices, and in passing, we wish to observe that one of the best post-prandial philatelic addresses that we ever listened to was delivered by Mr. W. W. MacLaren, Cleveland, Ohio, who with real art, touched upon phases of his philatelic career in a way to keep his auditors alert with interest. His "Ik Marvel" recital brought out the sentiment of the postage stamp in a manner to make a profound impression. A lecture beautifully and adequately illustrated by large representations of the stamps was given with stereopticon views by Mr. Alvin Good. The types of the one and the ten cent of 1851-57, were exploited and served as a grand object lesson, which brought forth all the elusive details of these stamps. Sunday was spent quietly in the wonderful stamp wing of the residence of Mr. Stanley B. Ashbrook at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, where his wealth of stamps was poured forth. The dinner at the country club in honor of the visitors, needless to say, was appreciated by them.

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Cincinnati—Nearly forty years ago, Cincinnati was prominent in a philatelic sense, but though its philatelic heritage is a proud one, latterly the city has not lived up to its earlier promises. Philatelic progress moved with reluctant feet for years, but it has now begun to speed. Indeed, the city is now coming into its own; and with a society of the strength and influence carried by its present sponsors, Cincinnati must be reckoned with in the annals of the day in philately. There are substantial collectors in the city who would grace any circle and moreover, they are imbued with the modern spirit of studious application to the suggestions of the stamps as well as to the stamps themselves. The attention to the stamps of the United States and of the Confederate States was particularly noticeable, and not only is a commanding lot of these stamps held there, but the owners are students of the issues and give attention to the historical asides. U. S. locals and different cancellations, such as steamboat, etc., are held in esteem and we never saw a better aggregation of Mississippi River and other steamboat cancellations than that held in Cincinnati.

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Gone—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who sent a dilapidated twenty-five cent piece of fractional currency as a remittance for a quarter packet? Is this o. f. c. singing "Over the Garden Wall" with the old-fashioned dealer who wet his fore-finger the better to pick up the stamp?

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Abroad—The latest letter that we have received from our soldier forces in France is a "Carte-Lettre," which is canceled "U. S. Army Postal Service No. 3," and a grid obliteration and without stamp. On the reverse are lines for "Nom et Adresse l'Expediteur."

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Up—We are somewhat behind-hand in mentioning the following extract from the October *Harpers' Magazine,* which was sent in due season by Mr. Henry J. Howlett. In W. D. Steele's article, pp. 588-90, "At the Ocean Cross-roads," Steele's "boy" says: "He told me another thing dear to his heart. The last meagre issue of the Danish West Indies was nearly exhausted and my boy was devoting his pennies taken from such as I to purchasing as many as possible of those precious prints. He told me that one day after the Americans came, these stamps would be worth $100 apiece for each one. The Americans had come and the last of these island stamps had been disposed of to the avid collector for one dollar apiece for each one." Thus the difference between expectation and realization is quaintly illustrated by the author. Hats off to Mr. Howlett. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Navy League of the U. S., American Red Cross and National Security League, not to mention his philatelic and other societies.

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Careful—The stamp dealer was asked if he did not have a better specimen of the certain stamp by the shopper who did not look as though he was particular about centering, but who from his remark, seemed to be. A well-centered stamp was found finally and he placed the copy on the little pile of purchases that he had made. When he had bought his quota, he grabbed up the stamps and placed them in his vest pocket before the dealer could bring out the card in which to put them!

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Closed—We have been notified of the death of Burt McCann, Minneapolis, a dealer and stamp lover who has occupied a unique place in the realms of commercial philately and we may add, in the affections of friends. Mr. McCann, be it said, by reason of severe physical afflictions has been bed-ridden for some years and latterly, practically helpless. However, so strongly were his philatelic desires implanted, that stamps may be said to have been the only interest that bound him to this material sphere and on them, his slight physical activities centered. We met Mr. McCann last August during the time of the convention at Minneapolis and we were touched at the faith and fortitude that he showed racked as he must have been by pain. We knew of Mr. McCann when he was a youth and in robust health, but affliction came and for six years he has been an invalid. Then it was that philately proved to be a staff for Mr. McCann. Stamps had long been his friend as a collector and now he put them to practical use. He began to deal in them and it was not long before he had an established business which, he informed us, through its profits met the extraordinary expenses of his case. At the age of forty-five years, Mr. McCann leaves philately which cheered and sustained him to the end which he faced unafraid and with the bravery that marked his later years. Mr. McCann was a member of the Twin City Philatelic Society and was a favorite of the members who served as pall-bearers at the funeral. We thank Mr. H. S. Swensen for his tribute to Mr. McCann, whom he had known for many years.

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CROWN E. T.—A watermarked device shown in most of the stamps of Greece issued since 1901.

C. S.—An overprint found on some of the stamps of South Australia used between 1868 and 1874. The letters signify "Chief Secretary" and these stamps were used for franking the official correspondence emanating from that official's department. These stamps were superseded in 1874 by the general official issue with "C S" overprint.

C. S. A.—These initials appear on some of the stamps issued by the Confederate States of America.

C. S. A. R.—These initials were overprinted on some of the King Edward stamps of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony used on the correspondence of the Central South African Railways. Whether they constitute an "official" surcharge or not, is a point on which philatelists agree to differ.

C. SGN.—An overprint found on certain early stamps of South Australia used on the correspondence of the Colonial Surgeon between 1868 and 1874. In the latter year these stamps were superseded by the series overprinted "OS" for general use on all departmental correspondence.

C. T.—An overprint found on a few of the early South Australian stamps used prior to 1874 for the department of the Commissioner of Titles.

CUARTO.—The value in which many of the older stamps of Spain and its Colonies were expressed. A cuarto was the eighth part of a real and had a value of about 1½c in United States currency.

CUBA.—The largest and most important island in the Greater Antilles, which separates the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean Sea. It has a total area of about 36,000 square miles and a population well in excess of 1½ millions. Cuba was discovered by Columbus on October 28th, 1492, and it was colonized by the Spaniards early in the 16th century. At this period Cuba was the seat of great maritime activity, from which the explorations to the mainland proceeded. The following century the island was constantly raided by English buccaneers and French and Dutch pirates, resulting in the primitive fortification of Havana, Matanzer, and other towns. Internal discord was rife for a considerable time until the United States interfered and, after a short war with Spain, took the island under its protection. (Jan. 1st, 1899). A Cuban congress met at the end of 1900 and on February 21st, 1901, a Constitution was agreed upon giving Cuba a republican form of government. It was under the control of the U. S. until May 20th, 1902, when it was granted its independence. Postage stamps for the combined use of Cuba and Porto Rico were first issued in 1855, and separate stamps for Cuba did not make their appearance until 1873.

CUBA AND PORTO RICO.—These two Spanish colonies were provided with a set of stamps for common use in 1855, and this arrangement continued until 1873, when each was supplied with distinctive stamps.

CUCUTA.—A town in the Department of Santander, Colombia, sometimes known as San José de Cucuta. It is the finest and busiest town in the Department and has a present population of over 10,000. Since 1900, this town has been accorded the privilege of issuing its own special stamps.

CUERNAVACA.—The capital of the State of Morelos, Mexico, having a population of about 10,000. Provisional stamps are alleged to have been issued in this town during the revolutionary period of 1867-8, but the best authorities now regard these varieties as doubtful, if not fraudulent.

CULEMAN, SENATOR.—The owner of a type foundry and printing works at Hanover, at which the special stamps used in this German State were manufactured.

CUMMING'S CITY POST.—A local post established in New York in 1846 for the delivery of local letters. A number of 2c stamps were issued in connection with this post.

CUNDINAMARCA.—A Department of the republic of Colombia having an area of 79,800 square miles and a population exceeding 600,000. This Department has issued its own postage stamps since 1876.

CURACAO.—A Dutch colony in the West Indies consisting of the islands of Curacao, Bonaire, Arube, St. Martin, St. Eustatius, and Saba. The total area of the group is only 405 square miles, while its population numbers about 52,000. The group has belonged to the Netherlands since 1632, and postage stamps for use there were first issued on May 23rd, 1873.

CURRENCY.—So far as philatelists are concerned this term relates to the values expressed upon the postage stamps of various countries.

CURRENT ISSUES.—This expression, of course, refers to the stamps of any particular country in use at the present moment.

CURRENT NUMBERS.—(See Control Numbers.)

CUT-SQUARES.—A term applied to embossed or printed envelope, postcard, wrapper, or letter-card stamps when cut from the entire piece of stationery. This is the most convenient and general way of collecting such stamps, though, according to some collectors, the practise of cutting them from the envelopes, etc., is sheer vandalism.

CUTTING'S DESPATCH POST.—A local post of the United States in connection with which 2c stamps were issued bearing the inscription quoted.

CUZCO.—A department in the south-eastern portion of Peru having an area of 156,725 square miles and a population of about half-a-million. Its chief town has the same name and was the ancient capital of the Incas of Peru. From 1881 to 1885, special overprints were applied to certain 5c and 10c stamps of Peru and Arequipa for use in this province

C. W.—These letters appear under the portrait on the 1866 stamps of Portugal. They are the initials of C. Wiener, of Brussels, who engraved the dies.

CYPRUS.—An island in the Levant or Eastern Mediterranean having an area of 3,584 square miles and a population of about 250,000. Cyprus was conquered by Egypt as early as 1450 B. C., was fully colonized by Greeks and Phœnicians in 1000-500 B. C., and then annexed by Assyria, Egypt, and Persia in turn. For two centuries it was a bone of contention between Persia and Greece, but fell to Egypt in 206, and to Rome in 57 B. C. Its long prosperity was wrecked by Saracen raids at intervals during 644-975 A. D., and later by Byzantine misrule. Richard Cœur de Lion occupied it in 1191, and after changing hands several times, it fell to Turkey in 1570. Under the convention of 1878, it was placed under British administration, and, though then still nominally a Turkish province and liable to an annual tribute of $464,000, it was occupied by Great Britain "until Russia shall restore to Turkey, Kars and other conquests". During the great European war it was annexed to the British Empire. It is administered like a Crown Colony of the British Empire under a High Commissioner. Postage stamps for use in Cyprus were first issued in 1880.

D.—A large uncolored "D" in a circle of solid color was applied to certain stamps of the Dutch Indies in 1911, to denote they were for use on official mail. The letter stands for "Dienst".

DAAGE, L. COLMET.—A French artist who engraved the designs for the 1910 stamps of Gabon and the 1908-9 stamps of Martinique.

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UNITED STATES.—The re-introduction of a 3c letter postage rate has occasioned many oddities and novelties to pass the post and we expect many of these to be presented for chronicle. Chicago probably had a very large stock of 2c stamps, which it was desirable to have used up before the 3c rate became effective. In one instance that we know of booklet 2's were precancelled with a handstamp. This is the first time to our knowledge that booklet stamps have been precancelled. Mr. Frank Kocher shows us an entire leaflet of six stamps so precancelled, and they were used in mailing a catalogue sent out by The J. H. Smyth Co., of Chicago. After the 3c rate became effective a large number of 2c stamps were still on hand and instead of buying 3c stamps the Premier Packing Co., of Chicago, covered the rate by using 2c stamps cut into halves, using one 2c and a half of a 2c to make 3c postage. Mr. Geo. W. Bye shows us one of the envelopes so franked.

We hear of a good story that will bear telling here. A collector of plate numbers called at the New York Post Office where he had been accustomed to be waited upon by a postal clerk who permitted him to select what plate numbers he wanted. During the period of time in which the re-issued 1908 2c stamps were being disposed of by the P. O., the clerk drew the P. N. C.'s attention to them. This gentleman stated that he thought he had most of the plate numbers of the 1908 issue, but would take them anyway and look the matter up when he arrived home. So he selected a number of single copies from the sheets, each copy having the plate number attached, and went his way. Arriving home he found that he had all the plate numbers which he had just purchased and tossed the stamps into the postage box, later, at his office, and they were used up in the ordinary course of business. He afterward learned that the old type stamps had been made into perforated stamps from the imperforate sheets and that they were *perforated 11!* Curtain.

(1401).—Mr. Chas. A. Townsend and Mr. Eugene Tilleux, Jr., show us both the black Officially Sealed stamps on pink paper and on white paper, perforated all around, so both were issued in sheets of twenty (5x4) as well as in sheets of ten (5x2).

(1403).—Many correspondents have favored us with copies of the new 3c envelope stamp, and we express our thanks to all. Mr. J. M. Bartels sends us the following information telling of six dies for the new envelope stamp. This information was contained in a letter to Mr. Bartels from the 3rd Ass't Postmaster General, dated November 7th, 1917, as follows:

"Six 3c master dies were made—for the Huckins, Nos. 5 and 13 Kenny, Nos. 5 and 8 Schmidt, and the Hartford machines. The Hartford die is a flat one. These dies are now in use.

"Window envelopes will be furnished in the 3c denomination.

"All current sizes and colors of envelopes will be issued in the 3c denomination except the No. 6."

We understand that the dark violet envelope stamps will be superseded by much lighter violet impressions.

(1400).—Mr. F. B. McGown submits another interesting 1c+2c envelope, caused by some mix up of envelopes in the printing presses; this happens to be one of the most curious we know of. The 2c red impression is in the proper place at the upper right corner, while in the upper left corner is an impression of the 1c green stamp *in reverse,* the Franklin head facing towards the 2c stamp; Mr. McGown remarking that they appear to be within speaking distance. We can probably account for the freak in the following manner: An envelope unfolded passing through the press with an envelope on top of it received an albino impression which took up on the back ink from the backing, which had been left by the die's descent without any envelope being in place. This albino 1c (with color on the back) was then probably mixed with some unimpressed envelopes (unfolded) and went through, back up, the 2c press, receiving the 2c impression, and then folded and gummed.

Mr. McGown submits other freaks, misplaced impressions of the 2c, etc., but these are frequent occurrences and need not be listed here.

For the purpose of using up the 2c stamped envelopes, it can probably be suggested to the Post Office Dep't, that they have the 1c die impressed in addition to the 2c and sell the envelopes for 3c plus the regular charges for stamped envelopes. "Compound" envelopes have been issued by the United States before, and are still, we believe, made in England (with English stamps, of course).

(1389).—In our Chronicle for August 11th, we listed the 1c dark green on white card. Mr. Geo. W. Bye now shows us the 1c white card with modified color, of the same tone as the green on the cream card.

Postal Card.
1c green on white.

A collector rushed into our editorial office the other day and asked if we had seen the 6c stamp in *brown.* We replied we had not. We were informed of the existence of two of them in town. Without seeing the stamps we judged them to be changelings—oxidized. It seems, from later events, that some of these must have been recently used, as we have a copy submitted to us by Mr. V. W. Rotnem, and another copy, from a different source, still on the original cover, has been shown us by Mr. Chester Arthur Sittig. We can only state that the stamps we have seen are the orange ones oxidized to brown. Whether this oxidization took place before or after the use of the stamps, we do not know; and it is probable that the new postage rate has brought many 6c stamps into use, taking the former place of the 4c in mailing first class matter of double weight, and that 6's that have been in postoffice stores are being brought to light. For comparison, we beg to refer our readers to the 2c orange revenue stamps of the Civil War period, which, as you all know, come in all shades of brown, from oxidization.

(1401).—Referring to our mention of the 2c Rotary press printed imperforate coil stamps in the issue of November 3rd, Mr. C. Edward Wright draws our attention to the listing of this stamp in the Chronology of Issue of United States 20th Century Stamps, published in the WEEKLY on January 20th, last, which was compiled by Mr. Wright. The stamps were issued on June 30th, 1914, simultaneously with the perforated coils of the same printing. Mr. Ward informs us that it was this listing which caused him to trace the stamps and which resulted in his finding some of them. The moral is "Read the WEEKLY every week, thoroughly and carefully".

(1403).—Mr. Geo. W. Bye adds considerably to the listing of Liberty Loan cancellations and while we will refrain from producing any further lists of these cancellations in this department, we wish to state that a special list of the Liberty Loan cancellations will be compiled and published as a special article in the WEEKLY.

BARBADOS.—(1394)—Through the kindness of Mr. J. A. Galbraith we are enabled to chronicle the Barbados War Tax stamp. Scott's No. 118, 1d scarlet, has been utilized and the overprint is "WAR TAX" in sans-serif capitals, the same as the St. Kitts-Nevis War Tax overprint, presumably applied in London. The copy shown us by Mr. Galbraith has the plate No. 1 attached.

War Tax Stamp.
1d scarlet, black overprint.

Mr. A. C. Roessler also advises us of this issue and states that it was probably issued on October 19th.

CAMEROONS. — *Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the new 15c stamp of Middle Congo overprinted "CAMEROUN Occupation Francaise" in three lines for use in this occupied territory.

Adhesive.
15c violet and red.

CANADA.—Mr. F. B. McGown submits the 1c and 2c Canadian stamps, George head design, from coils, perforated 12 horizontally, with the remark that he has not seen them listed anywhere. Upon referring to Scott's catalogue, we find the 1c coil listed as No. 104a, but no mention is made of the 2c perforated 12 horizontally. We believe both the 1c and 2c also come in coil form, perforated 12 vertically, but we would like to have this confirmed by our Canadian correspondents.

It may be interesting to state at this time that two sets of the Canadian George head stamps may be made, one with white and the other with yellow gum, for all values. There are also many unlisted shades of these stamps.

(1400)—Mr. Geo. N. Hargraft shows us the "Help the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives" cancellation for 1917-1918, used in Toronto Nov. 2nd.

DENMARK. — *Champion's Bulletin* chronicles some new stamps for this country. The 4ö stamp, probably Scott's type A10, has been issued on paper with crown wmk., perforated 13½x14½. A 38ö value has been added to the Newspaper series, on Multiple Crosses wmk. paper, perforated 13½x14½. The adhesives of 1913-15, 5 ore and 10 ore have been overprinted "S F" in blue, and listed as Official Stamps by our contemporary.

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Provisional Adhesive.

½ on 2½c green.

GREECE.—(1402)—Further War Tax stamps are listed in our French contemporary, *Champion's Bulletin.* One of these was mentioned in the list given in our Nov. 10th issue. Stamps of 1912-14 surcharged "K.P Lepton" and value.

War Tax Stamps.

5l on 25l sky-blue.
5l on 40l indigo.
5l on 50l violet-brown.

MIDDLE CONGO.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the new 15c stamp for this colony, design same as Scott's type A1. Perforated 14x13½.

Adhesive.

15c violet and red.

RHODESIA.—A provisional ½d stamp has been provided by surcharging the 1d, Scott's No. 120, with the words "Half Penny" in two lines and covering the values in the corners with two short heavy bars each. *Champion's Bulletin* states that the provisionals were issued in Livingstone, North Rhodesia, there being a shortage of the value while awaiting a new supply from the Director General of Posts at Salisbury, South Rhodesia. It is stated that 48,000 is the quantity provided.

Provisional Adhesive.

½d on 1d rose.

SALVADOR.—(1402)—We have the following letter from Mr. Geo. J. Carter: "I note your comments on page 347, re the 'S' overprint on Salvador stamps . . . I happen to have a regular correspondent in San Salvador, who sends me stamps every month and quite recently I found a large percentage of the surcharged 'S' *used,* about the genuineness of which there can be no question. I also found a few with a double surcharge 'SS'."

SENEGAL.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles a new 15c stamp for this colony, design like Scott's type A28. Perforated 14x13½.

Adhesive.

15c vermilion and violet-brown.

SINKIANG. — (1400) — We have failed to mention that the $2 Chinese stamp overprinted with five Chinese characters for this province is overprinted in red. We are so informed by Mr. Wang Chin Chai. This correspondent also advises us that the $5 and $10 Chinese stamps have been likewise overprinted in red for Sinkiang. Our correspondent also states that the post offices in Sinkiang are issuing money orders. This may be the use to which the high values are put, but of this we have no knowledge.

Adhesives.

$5 scarlet and black.
$10 yellow-green and black.

SOMALI COAST.—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the new 15c stamp for this French Colony, design same type as Scott's A22. Perforated 13½x14.

Adhesive.

15c violet and red.

SWITZERLAND. — *Champion's Bulletin* formally chronicles the 3c adhesive in a change of color to orange. This was announced sometime in 1916, the 3c coming, in the meanwhile, in a lighter violet than the original dark violet, owing to the cancellation not showing up very well on the dark violet stamps, thus occasioning loss to the post office by re-use of canceled stamps. The perforation of the new stamp we presume is the same. It will probably come in tete-beche form, as the preceding 3c.

Adhesive.

3c dark orange.

UBANGI.—The new 15c for Middle Congo has been overprinted "OUBANGUI-CHARI-TCHAD" for use in this colony, according to *Champion's Bulletin.*

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DEATH OF BURT McCANN.

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Mr. McCann became seriously incapacitated about seven years ago, so seriously in fact, that he has been bedridden for a long time. Fortunately he had been a stamp collector since a mere child. Notwithstanding his condition, however, he was able to build up a successful business in dealing in stamps for collectors. On a number of occasions he told the writer that his life was made bearable and was prolonged because of the companionship and diversion he found in his stamps.

During the convention of the Southern Philatelic Association, many philatelists in attendance, including Charles E. Severn and C. W. Kissinger, visited Mr. McCann, and at said convention a resolution of well wishes for Mr. McCann was unanimously adopted. The writer and George A. Martin, the well known philatelist of Washington, D. C., were the last persons outside his immediate family, to see Mr. McCann. We found him recumbent and bed-ridden but surrounded by his stamp treasures and eager to discuss and exhibit his wares, and also to view our own specimens. We found him cheerful and mentally active. This was about ten days before his demise. The stamp collectors of the Twin Cities attended the obsequies in a body and constituted the pall bearers. He is survived by his three sisters.

IN MEMORIAM.

Why mourn at the shrouded bier!
Of him who is not here.
Who quietly has gone away
To know the Perfect Day.

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His cheery personality, the optimism always shown in his advertising and his bravery in the face of death—these attributes Mr. McCann possessed to a marked degree. I knew him only in correspondence, but he was a great admirer of the WEEKLY and all it stands for. A letter from L. R. Sours just as we go to press conveys the sad intelligence. We quote:—

"You will no doubt regret to learn of the death November 14, of Burt McCann, 321 Newton Ave., Minneapolis, after an illness of nearly a year, during which time he was confined to his room most of the time. The funeral is this morning (Nov. 17,) and six of his stamp collecting friends are acting as pall bearers."

THE MANAGING EDITOR.

LOCAL PHILATELISTS ENTERTAIN PROMINENT "STAMPERS" OF COUNTRY.

The Cincinnati Philatelic Society entertained as its guests Saturday, many of the most prominent philatelists in this country, among them being Charles Severn, editor of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS and E. R. Jacobs of Chicago; Alvin Good, secretary to George Worthington, whose stamp collection was valued at $600,000 and was recently sold at auction for more than that amount; W. W. MacLaren of Cleveland, Ohio, who is associated with the Cleveland *Press;* George Linn of Columbus, O.; Dr. Kemper and E. T. Wallis of Indianapolis; Colonel Beach and Colonel Stokey of the United States army.

The visitors were tendered a luncheon at the Metropole after an automobile ride through the suburbs. An exhibition of stamps was held at the Chamber of Commerce. Many valuable and rare stamps were displayed, among them a copy of the famous "Brattleboro, Vermont," valued at $600, and valuable stamps used during the Civil War in the Confederate States. After the stamp exhibition, a steak fry was given at which an illustrated lecture on the early stamps of the United States was given by Mr. Alvin Good, who is said to be the leading authority in this country on the subject. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held by the stamp collectors and was well conducted under the auspices of the Cincinnati Philatelic Society.

Among the local collections shown was that of Stanley Ashbrook, which is one of the finest collections of United States stamps in the country. Fred Huntington and Gustave Mosler showed good general collections and George Kitzinger showed "Philatelic Zoo" made of stamps bearing animals, philatelic transportation or scenes or methods of travel, and stamps bearing views of scenery, or buildings, or statuary peculiar to a country.—Cincinnati *Commercial Tribune.*

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April, 1d, in one line, thin paper ... .10
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May, 1d, fancy capitals, in two lines .10
June, 1d, thin capitals ... .10
September, 1d, thick block type, 2½ mm. spacing ... .10
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WAR SAVINGS PLAN SUMMARIZED.

THRIFT STAMPS AND WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATE STAMPS TO BE ISSUED.

"Stamps known as United States War-Savings Certificate Stamps and as United States Government Thrift Stamps, furnished by the Secretary of the Treasury under authority of the Act referred to in the preceding paragraphs, shall be issued by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, to postmasters at all accounting post offices. Postmasters at central-accounting offices shall supply such stamps to postmasters at district money-order offices accounting to such central-accounting offices. Central-accounting postmasters shall allow to district money-order postmasters a fixed credit for war-savings certificate stamps and thrift stamps. Postmasters at nonmoney-order offices shall obtain such stamps, as sold, from their respective central-accounting offices. Rural and city carriers shall sell the stamps and shall be supplied by postmasters on fixed credit.

Each purchaser of war-savings certificate stamps shall be furnished without cost a United States war-savings certificate to which such certificate stamps shall be affixed. The certificate is not transferrable and has no value unless one or more war-savings certificate stamps is affixed thereto. The name and address of the owner shall be placed on each war-savings certificate by the postmaster at the time it is issued.

War-savings certificate stamps shall be sold at the prices and under the terms and conditions shown on the war-savings certificate; *i. e.*, during December, 1917, and January, 1918, the price shall be $4.12 each, and shall be increased 1 cent each month thereafter during the calendar year 1918.

Thrift stamps bearing no interest shall be sold for 25 cents each. The purchaser of thrift stamps shall be furnished without cost a thrift card to which such stamps shall be affixed. The card itself has no value. The name and address of the purchaser shall be placed on the card by the postmaster at the time of issue. Thrift stamps shall not be cashed, but when sixteen thrift stamps, representing a total of $4, are affixed to a thrift card, they may, with a cash payment of from 12 to 23 cents, be exchanged for a war-savings certificate stamp.

War-savings certificates may be registered at any post office of the first, second, or third class. Unless registered, the United States will not be liable for payment, if made to a person other than the lawful owner."

—Quoted from Order 878 of Postmaster General Burleson.

The war-savings plan provided for in the last bond act, of September 24, 1917, has been formulated and announced by the Treasury Department and goes into operation on Monday, December 3.

The plan puts it easily in reach of every American citizen to save money and at the same time aid the Government by supplying it with the sinews of war.

Stamps, which are the Government's certificates of indebtedness, are to be sold in two denominations — thrift stamps, which cost 25 cents each, and war-savings stamps, which cost from $4.12 to $4.23 each according to the month in which they are purchased.

With the first thrift stamp the purchaser is given a thrift card with spaces for 16 stamps. When 16 thrift stamps have been purchased and affixed the thrift card can be exchanged for a war-savings stamp by paying the difference between the $4 the thrift stamps represent and the current value of a war-savings stamp, which in December, 1917, and January, 1918, will be $4.12, and thereafter 1 cent for each succeeding month during the year 1918.

With the first war-savings stamp obtained by purchase or exchange the owner is given a war-savings certificate containing spaces for 20 war-savings stamps. If the 20 spaces are filled during December, 1917, or January, 1918, the cost to the purchaser will be $4.12 for each stamp, or $82.40 for the full certificate, and on the 1st day of January, 1923, the Government will redeem the certificate at $100, giving the holder a net profit of $17.60 for the use of his money.

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NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—Our old dealer-friend C. F. Rothfuchs writes us an interesting letter from Los Angeles. While it is a personal communication, we take the liberty of quoting an interesting paragraph. Having known Mr. Rothfuchs for a score of years, we feel that the sentiments are only what could be expected from him:—"I have been interested in soldiering since my boyhood days. I served three years in the 7th Regiment M. V. M., 1869-73. I am *not* pro-German, but I am pro-American to the backbone, and the Stars and Stripes have always been and are now my flag, and the red, white and blue my colors. No born American feels prouder and is more loyal to the U. S. A. than I am."

—Someone inquired recently for a Bright's catalog of entires. Maitland Milliken, Foster Bldg., Denver, Colo., has two copies. Interested parties should write him. Mr. Milliken gives us some information concerning the Wyoming Stamp Exchange and any collector requesting the same should enclose stamped addressed envelope for reply.

—A. D. Schoch, 1707 Estes Ave., Chicago, would like to hear from collectors who have been unable to secure replies to letters sent Frank Freidersdorf, 1157 Lill Ave., Chicago, Ill.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from A. Atlas Leve, Globe Stamp Co., G. de Lachasse, and Gambs Co.

—There is an interesting department:—"With the Stamp Collectors" in the Baltimore *Sunday American*. It is edited by C. Lat. Wilhelm and the issue of Nov. 18 had a half-tone and sketch of Geo. W. Taylor of Catonsville, Md. Mr. Wilhelm makes generous use of the WEEKLY and gives us full credit for matter taken.

—At the meeting of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, Nov. 20, it was voted to hold a contribution auction Jan. 15, the entire proceeds to be turned over to the Soldiers' Tobacco Fund. Send donations to the president, E. L. Green, 1415 Vine Street, Philadelphia, who will make proper acknowledgement. Only recently the Club invested its entire reserve fund in Liberty Bonds. This opportunity of giving some little comfort to our boys "over there" is offered to our readers and we feel sure many will take advantage of it.

—The Junior Museum Stamp Club of Newark, N. J., will hold an exhibit of their collections and the collections of any of their friends who care to participate, during the week of Dec. 3-8. The stamps will be shown in one of the Museum rooms in the Free Public Library Building.

—A. V. D.—You ask "Is it a fair paper?" It certainly is. The rate advertised in *Stamp Collecting* was an error and would not have appeared a second time if communication with England had been more speedy. "Contract your space through the English representative" and you will get the three-in-one contract.

—We have received from Herman Toaspern, secretary of the Collectors' Club, an interesting booklet giving in detail particulars of the exhibitions and meetings of the Club to be held the coming season. Special attention is called to the "Monograph Competition" with the several awards in connection therewith. Mr. Toaspern, (135 Cedar St., N. Y. City), will no doubt be willing to mail copies of the booklet to interested parties. Enclose postage. We shall publish a list of the exhibitions, etc., in an early issue.

PHILATELY IN CURRENT LITERATURE.

By HARRY E. HUBER.

It is not uncommon nowadays to find mention made of postage stamps, and those who collect them, in stories of the day. One week's reading, recently, disclosed two instances.

In Harper's Magazine for October, 1917, in "At the Ocean Cross-roads," W. D. Steele writes:—

" * * * * He told me of another thing near to his heart. The last meagre issue of the Danisland island stamps was nearly exhausted, and my 'boy' had been devoting the pennies taken from such as I to purchasing as many as possible of these precious prints. He told me that one day, after the Americans had come, these stamps would be worth 'a hundred dollars apiece for each one.' I hoped he was right. I began to understand what the brown lady behind the Post Office wicket had meant by telling me they were 'very good.' At the moment I had imagined she was defending the absence of 'stickum' on the back."

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Sec. 132½. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall furnish to the Postmaster General without prepayment a suitable quantity of adhesive stamps to be distributed to and kept on sale by the various postmasters in the United States. The Postmaster General may require each such postmaster to give additional or increased bond as postmaster for the value of the stamps so furnished, and each such postmaster shall deposit the receipts from the sale of such stamps to the credit of and render accounts to the Postmaster General at such times and in such form as he may by regulations prescribe. The Postmaster General shall at least once monthly transfer all collections from this source to the Treasury as internal-revenue collections. (Sec. 806, Act of Oct. 3, 1917.)

2. Parcel-post packages: That on and after the first day of December, 1917, there shall be levied, collected and paid upon every parcel or package transported from one point in the United States to another by parcel post on which the postage amounts to 25 cents or more, a tax of 1 cent for each 25 cents or fractional part thereof charged for such transportation, to be paid by the consignor. No such parcel or package shall be transported until a stamp or stamps representing the tax due shall have been affixed thereto. (Sec. 800 and paragraph 14, Sec. 807, Act of Oct. 3, 1917.)

3. War-tax adhesive stamps shall be kept for sale at all post offices.

4. The stamps shall be issued to postmasters at all direct-accounting and central-accounting offices.

5. Postmasters at central-accounting offices shall supply war-tax stamps to postmasters at district post offices in their respective counties.

6. A fixed credit shall be allowed by central-accounting postmasters to district postmasters for war-tax stamps sufficient to meet the public demand.

7. District postmasters shall remit to their central-accounting postmasters the entire proceeds of sales of war-tax stamps promptly at the close of each month, or whenever during the month the same amount to $25. Central-accounting postmasters shall furnish new supplies of war-tax stamps to district postmasters to the amount of the remittances unless new supplies are not needed.

8. Accounting postmasters shall keep accounts of their transactions in war-tax stamps. Promptly at the close of each month they shall render to the Third Assistant Postmaster General (Division of Stamps) an account of sales thereof. Such accounts shall be given an administrative examination by the Third Assistant Postmaster General, and shall then be transmitted to the Auditor for the Post Office Department for audit.

9. Accounting postmasters shall remit to their designated postmasters for postal funds the entire proceeds of sales of war-tax stamps promptly at the close of each month, or whenever during the month the same amount to $100. The depository postmaster shall issue a certificate of deposit, which shall be a voucher to the monthly account of the accounting postmaster.

10. Depository postmasters shall deposit daily the entire cash proceeds of sales of war-tax stamps in local active United States depositories to the credit of the United States Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the depository post office is located. Depository postmasters shall also deposit daily the entire amount of funds remitted to them to the credit of the United States Collectors of Internal Revenue for the districts in which the remitting post offices are located. Certificates of deposit shall be obtained therefor.

11. A monthly statement of transactions in war-revenue stamps and of the funds derived from the sale thereof will be rendered to the Treasury Department (Commissioner of Internal Revenue) by the Auditor for the Post Office Department.

12. The Third Assistant Postmaster General shall issue detailed instructions to carry out the purposes of this regulation.

A. S. BURLESON,
Postmaster General.

INCREASED RATE OF POSTAGE ON LETTERS AND POST CARDS FROM CUBA. ALSO INCREASED REGISTRATION FEE.

The postal administration of Cuba having advised this Department that, effective from November 10, 1917, the rate of postage applicable to letters and other closed articles, mailed in Cuba and addressed for delivery in the United States, is three centavos per ounce or fraction of an ounce, that the rate of postage applicable to post cards, mailed in Cuba and addressed for delivery in the United States, is two centavos for each card, and that the registration fee for articles of every nature mailed in Cuba and addressed for delivery in the United States is ten centavos; the indications under the item Cuba, in the foreign postage table printed on pages 126 to 129 of the Postal Guide for July, 1917, are modified accordingly.

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In the same notice, the new two cent domestic postal card is officially described:

"The size of the No. 9 card is 3¼ by 5½ inches (the same as the present No. 8 card). The paper is cream in color and is printed in red ink. The subject of the stamp is a profile portrait of Thomas Jefferson looking to the left. The background of the portrait is open and is surrounded with an elliptical border bearing in capital letters the words "U. S. Postal Card." This border is broken at the bottom with a curved ribbon in which appears the name "Jefferson," and rests upon a base containing the word "cents" with the numeral "2" on either side. To the left of the stamp in a horizontal line of Gothic capital letters is the inscription "This side of card is for address" within a frame of plain lines having concave corners."

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Addition—Elsewhere we publish the new section, 132½, of the Postal Laws and Regulations made necessary by the issue of the new war tax revenue stamps. Under its provisions, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue will furnish to the Postmaster General "without prepayment a suitable quantity of adhesive stamps to be distributed to and kept on sale by the various postmasters in the United States." Naturally, the parcel post tax stamps would qualify for sale at the post office, but the convenience of being enabled to obtain the general documentary stamps at the post office is a decided one and our alert and efficient post office department is entitled to the gratitude of all, particularly stamp collectors, for its progressive measure. The formality that heretofore has attended the purchase of a revenue stamp is to be banished, it seems.

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"On the value of all naval stores, salt, wine, spirituous liquors, tobacco, manufactured and unmanufactured cotton, flour, sugar, molasses, syrup, rice, and other agricultural products held or owned on the 1st of July, 1863, and not necessary for family consumption for the unexpired portion of the year 1863, and of the growth or production of any year preceding the year 1863, a tax of eight per centum is levied; and on all moneys, bank notes, or other currency on hand or on deposit; the value of all credits on which the interest has not been paid, held or owned on the 1st day of July, 1863, and not employed in a business, the income of which is taxed under said act, and all moneys held, owned or deposited beyond the limits of the Confederate States, are to be valued at the current rate of exchange in Confederate Treasury notes.

On all profits made by any person, partnership or corporation, during the year 1862, by the purchase within the Confederate States and sale, during said year, of any flour, corn, bacon, pork, oats, hay, rice, salt, iron, or the manufacture of iron, sugar, molasses, made of cane, leather, woolen clothes, shoes, boots, blankets and cotton clothes, but not to apply to purchases and sales made in the due course of the retail business, a tax of ten per centum is to be levied and collected on the 1st day of July, 1863, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable."

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Hero—We follow the movements of that great and good philatelic genius, Ellis Parker Butler, with admiring eyes and for that reason we chronicle the fact that he has a boys' story, "An Amateur Censor," in the November number of *St. Nicholas*, in which the triumph of philately is recorded. As reviewer in the Providence *Journal* says: "The story of how a little Belgian stamp collector aided his father in exposing a clever correspondence between German spies through his knowledge of stamps, will make every boy turn to his own collection with renewed vigor."

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Where—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who wrote to President Rutherford B. Hayes for some Executive Department stamps for his collection. Is this o. f. c. comparing notes about Billy Sunday when he was "tenth man" with the Chicago National League club with the old-fashioned dealer who would not have chairs in his shop because he said that customers would stay too long, if he did?

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Mayhap—Said a saucy correspondent: "If some chaps who know so much about stamps had a few of them, the picture would be framed prettily enough." Yea, and if some of the lads who have twenty-five dollar albums filled with stamps knew more about them, the banners would snap more proudly in the wind.

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Corrected—Our kindly mentor, the Rev. Joseph Dreyer, Westerly, Rhode Island, writes: "On p. 311, col. 2, art. 'Belgian Cancellations,' the following text appears: 'The stamp issuing period of Belgium involves but two reigns, the long one of Leopold II and the present one of Albert.' What about Leopold I who reigned from 1831 to 1865, and who sanctioned the issue of Belgium's first stamps in 1849?" The article was one that was clipped from a contemporary, but at that there was no excuse for overlooking the palpable mis-statement. We could almost from memory recall that Leopold II succeeded to the Belgian throne in 1865, *vide* the historical preamble in the old International album. Worse is yet to come. In the issue of November 17th, on the editorial page, it is said that it was thirty-two years ago that the old three cent green passed from the scene. This is a double mistake. The rate was reduced in 1883 and the three cent vermilion was issued in 1887. The intention was to say that the stamp passed in 1883. These mistakes are of the pestiferous kind and usually are due to carelessness or rather to the necessity to hurry too fast, at times.

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Slight—A reader, Mr. J. Rausch, has taken the trouble to send us a number of minor varieties, one of which stirs us to a mild display of interest and this is saying something when it is known that we view these things with great calmness, as a rule. Mr. Rausch has found a cunning little cap on the "9" of 1492 on the eight cent Columbian issue in both a used and an unused specimen and he compares them in importance with the capped two cent, 1890 varieties.

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Asked—Mr. C. W. Goddard, Kalkaska, Michigan, asks a question, which we shall answer before giving the question. Once would a variety of the kind be received with enthusiasm. A second episode would find half of the audience leaving and a third would have the people hooting. "Once is enough."

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MOSS GROWN.

As to the side-splitting jape about selecting the stamp in the middle of the sheet, a contrib with an undecipherable sig wishes to know whether the novelty lies in applying it to the new stamp or in ascribing the inquiry to a Swede. Answer: Yes. There are no new wheezes. All one can do is to bring the old ones up to date.—Chicago *Tribune*.

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DAHOMEY.—A French colony on the Guinea coast of Africa between Lagos and German Togoland. It has an area of about 60,000 square miles, with a coast line of some 70 miles. Its population numbers a little over a million, most of the natives being negroes belonging to the Fou branch of the Ewe family. This colony represents the former native kingdom of Dahomey, which for nearly 200 years was one of the chief centres of the grossest fetish idolatry, involving an enormous number of human sacrifices every year. These abominations were put an end to when the French subdued the country in 1892. The first postage stamps were issued for use in Dahomey in 1899.

DALA.—This word appears on the $1 stamps of the Hawiian Islands and is a literal interpretation of the native pronunciation of "dollar".

DAMMAN, BENJAMIN LOUIS AUGUSTE.—A French engraver who engraved the dies for the 1900-4 stamps of French Congo and the 1902 stamps for French Somali Coast. He also engraved the dies for the King Christian stamps of Denmark issued in 1904-5.

DAMUS PETIMUS QUE VICISSIM.—A motto appearing on most of the stamps of British Guiana. It means "We give and we seek in turn", and evidently has reference to the interchange of products between the Colony and other countries.

DANIELSEN, CH.—A Danish engraver who engraved the dies for the 1, 2, 3, 4, and 15 öre stamps of Denmark issued in 1905.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Three of the West Indian Islands, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, formed a colony of Denmark under this general title. Their combined area is 142 square miles and they have a population of about 33,000. The first postage stamps for this colony were issued in November, 1855.

DANMARK.—The native name for Denmark as shown upon all the stamps of that country.

DANSK VESTINDISKE.—The Danish rendering of "Danish West Indies" as shown upon the postage stamps of this possession.

DANVILLE.—A city in the State of Virginia having a population of over 18,000. It is philatelically interesting from the fact that in 1861, the then Postmaster issued special 5c stamps for local use until the regular Confederate States stamps were ready.

DARDANELLES. — Geographically speaking, this is a narrow channel which separates Europe from Asia and united the Sea of Marmora with the Archipelago, but it is also understood to refer to the territory on each side of this channel. Since 1909, Russia has maintained consular post-offices here at which stamps overprinted "Dardanelles" have been used.

DARDENNE, MR.—A printer of Mauritius who, in December, 1859, produced a supply of 1d and 2d stamps for that colony by a lithographic process.

DARGENT.—An Antwerp engraver who engraved the dies for the 1c, 2c, and 5c stamps of Belgium issued in 1865.

DATIA.—The modern name for the Indian Native State of Duttia as shown upon the postage stamps issued there since 1898.

DAVIS, H. E.—The Postmaster of Pleasant Shade, Virginia, in 1861, who issued special 5c stamps for local use pending the arrival of the regular labels for use throughout the Confederate States.

DAVIS, P. & SON.—A firm of printers in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, who produced the first stamps for that colony by embossing various designs on different colored papers. They also printed and perforated a supply of stamps for the South African Republic in 1874.

DAVIS'S PENNY POST.—A local post of Baltimore in connection with which special 1c stamps were issued.

D. B.—An overprint found on certain early South Australian stamps used during the period 1868-74 on the departmental correspondence of the "Destitute Board". These stamps were superseded in 1874 by the series overprinted "OS" for the use of all the government departments.

DE.—An overprint found on the stamps of Ecuador used in the province of Tunguragua in 1902-3. During a disastrous fire which devastated Guayaquil in July, 1902, a large quantity of postage stamps stored in the Government building there were either destroyed or stolen. Presuming the stamps might have been stolen and to prevent their use the governors of the various provinces were instructed to apply a control mark to their stocks on hand before issue. The word "DE" was adopted for this purpose by the governor of the province of Tunguragua and this exists in at least four distinct types.

DEARBORN. — An engraver who engraved the dies for the 5c and 13c stamps of the Hawaiian Islands issued in 1853. These stamps were printed in Boston, U. S. A.

DEATH MASK STAMPS. — The name by which the para values of the 1904 stamps of Serbia are popularly known. The name arose owing to the fact that if the stamps are placed upside down a third face can be distinctly traced out of the features of the two portraits shown. It is, of course, nothing but a freak of engraving though at the time the stamps were issued a legend was circulated to the effect that this face is a reproduction of the "death-mask" of the murdered King Alexander and that it was introduced into the design on purpose.

DECCAN.—(See Hyderabad).

DEDEAGH.—The French rendering of Dede-Agaeh, a seaport of Turkey-in-Europe having a population of over 3,000. The French government has maintained a Consular office at this port which undertakes the transaction of postal business for a considerable period and since 1893 special stamps have been issued for the use of this office.

DEDEAGATZ.—One of the towns occupied by the Greeks during the war of 1912-13 at which certain Bulgarian stamps were overprinted with a Greek inscription in three lines, for use there.

DEFECTIVE.—Philatelists use this adjective in referring to overprints, lithographic transfers, etc., which differ in some ways from the normal varieties. Thus a "defective surcharge" may be one in which part of the lettering fails to print properly; a "defective transfer" is one that has been carelessly or accidentally damaged in being applied to the lithographic stone, and a "defective impression" may apply to any badly printed stamp.

DEFICIENTE.—An inscription shown upon the postage due stamps of Ecuador and Nicaragua. It means "deficient" and refers to the deficient postage to be collected on the delivery of insufficiently stamped postal packages.

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UNITED STATES.—(1403)—Quite a number of provisional Tax Paid stamps have appeared and we are greatly indebted to Mr. W. H. McCart and Mr. Albert C. Reukauff for lists from which we have compiled the following:

Cigarettes.—8 Cigarettes, Series of 1910, rubber stamp surcharged "Act of 1917" in three lines of purple ink. Also inverted.

Cigars.—50 Cigars, Series of 1916, printed surcharged "Act of 1917—Class B" in caps and small type, two lines, in red; same, "Class B" only, caps and a large cap in red; same, "B" only, large Italic cap in red; same, rubber stamp surcharge "Act of 1917—Class B" in caps 5 mm. high, in red.

Tobacco.—2 oz. Tobacco, Series of 1910, printed surcharge "1⅝ ounces Tobacco" in caps in top line, "Act of Oct. 3rd, 1917" mixed type in second line, in red.

Beer.—Quarter Barrel, Series of 1914, rubber stamp surcharge "Act of 1917" reading up in purple; same, reading down; Sixth Barrel, Series of 1914, rubber stamp surcharge "Act of 1917" in red; same, inverted surcharge; same, double surcharge; same, black surcharge; One Barrel, Series of 1914, rubber stamp surcharge "Act of 1917" in red.

Fermented Liquor.—Quarter Barrel, Series of 1916, rubber stamp surcharge "Act of 1917" reading up in purple; same, reading down; same, red surcharge; same, black surcharge; Half Barrel, Series of 1916, rubber stamp surcharge "Act of 1917" (in caps) in purple; same, surcharged "Act of 1917" in red; same, black surcharge; same, black surcharge inverted.

Mr. McCart has also shown us a new Cigarette stamp similar to the Class "$1.25 per M," which it supersedes:

Cigarettes.—16 Cigarettes, inscribed "Class A" at top, "Act of 1917—Series of 1917" in two lines at bottom, blue on blue watermarked paper.

Mr. Chas. S. Thompson writes as follows: "The revenue people have gone back to using some of the low values of 1914 Wines & Cordials, as the 1916 issue is entirely too large, and also lacks gum. I have not had a chance to examine any of the re-issue yet, so I don't know whether they are on the unwatermarked paper, perf. 11, or just merely remainders of the former issue. However, I suspect the latter alternative to be the correct one."

(1404)—Mr. W. O. Thiede writes two letters as follows: (1) "I have before me two of the new 3c envelopes and it may be of interest to your readers to know that one of them, size 13 white, has the letterings of die E of the 2c, that the left 3 is perpendicular, whereas the right 3 inclines forward. That I have another 3c envelope, size 5, which has the letterings of die F, that the both 3's incline forward. I have also had for some time a 1c envelope, green on amber, size 5, and 1c green on white, size 8. The two dies are entirely different and are not like any dies of the 2c." (2) "I wish to supplement my letter of yesterday with the addition of a new variety of 3c envelopes which came to me shortly after I had written you. I failed to state that the heads of the two varieties mentioned in my earlier letter were of the small type, whereas this one I have before me is a large head and the 3's do not incline in either direction but are in perfect alignment. The lettering of this latest envelope is die A as the readers of the WEEKLY know the dies, but die B according to the new arrangement in the latest *Philatelic Gazette*. The envelope I have before me is size 5 white. The watermark on the previous varieties is the latest type with the 1915 running directly across the top, whereas this envelope has it running from the top to the opposite corner at the bottom."

Mr. H. M. Drown shows us the 3c envelope stamp on blue paper.

Envelopes.
1c green on amber, Die B.
3c violet on blue, Die A.
3c violet on white, Die C.

The dies are given in the order in which they appear, and in this regard, we believe, the order of the 2c dies should not be changed, the doing of it necessitating the renumbering of collections and stocks, which is a costly operation.

(1400)—In the *Philatelic Gazette* for November an attempt is made, by Mr. Joseph B. Leavy, its editor of new issues, to discredit the existence of the 30c unwatermarked perf. 10. At this time, our only reply thereto is: The publishers of the *Philatelic Gazette* were loaned the entire sheet of the 30c unwatermarked perf. 10 stamps, which are in our possession, and which Mr. Burgess Smith, technical expert of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, pronounced could not be anything else but unwatermarked paper. A photograph was taken of this sheet and the publishers of the *Philatelic Gazette*, backed by Mr. A. E. Owen and Mr. John N. Luff, so we are informed, located *two* spots in the *entire sheet* which they claim appear to be the letters "S." We had the pleasure of examining the photograph and wish to inform our readers that we could not see any watermark whatsoever, excepting by a fanciful flight of the imagination.

We intend to prove conclusively that the entire sheet of 30c stamps, unwatermarked perf. 10 in our possession, as well as forty-three other stamps from another sheet, all that we have had of these stamps, are exactly what we have stated them to be. Until our "case" is entirely "drawn up" we trust our readers will forbear passing judgment.

By an unfortunate circumstance, we *did* pass upon same 30c stamps as being unwatermarked. There were fifty of them, supposed to have come from the same sheet as the forty-three copies mentioned above, but upon benzining them we at once admitted that they were watermarked, and then by comparison we discovered that they *were not* from the same sheet as the forty-three copies of unwatermarked stamps.

Complete details and information regarding these stamps will be set forth at a later writing.

BARBADOS.—(1404)—Mr. Charles S. Thompson, submitting a copy of the War Tax stamp chronicled in our issue of November 24th, states that it was received from a correspondent, who gave October 15th as the date of issue.

CANADA.—(1403)—The discovery of varieties in the dies of stamps always leads to further discoveries. It is a strange thing that few examine their stamps minutely until someone has been studious enough to discover something, and then the entire philatelic world is set agog and the search begins and generally ends with the making of further discoveries. Mr. Forgie, a correspondent of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., discovered two dies of the 2c + 1Tc, and the Scott firm, through their *Circular*, announced the discovery. Mr. Forgie found the carmine stamp in what has been designated the original design, Die 1, with horizontal line under the "T" of "1Tc," and the brown stamp in both Die 1 and Die 2 with a short horizontal line, two diagonal lines and five dots under the "T." Mr. Norman Marshall advises us that he has found a copy of the carmine stamp Die 2, and Mr. Philip A. Livingston shows us a copy of this, so we now know that it exists, though it must be rare, as Mr. Forgie did not claim to know of it, although he had

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(1403)—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred sends us information regarding the plate numbers of the Confederation stamp which we asked for, and we extend our thanks to our kind correspondent. Mrs. Oughtred states that she has had Plates Nos. A3, A4, A5 and A6 from lower right and also from lower left panes, and Nos. A7 and A8 from lower right panes, that she believes Nos. A7 and A8 exist on the lower left panes as well, but that she has not found any of the Confederation stamps with Nos. A1 or A2. Mr. Norman Marshall sends us information, but it does not add to Mrs. Oughtred's list.

Mr. O. Kendall sends us the new King George stamped envelopes, 1c and 2c. The dies are similar to the King Edward, with head changed and with the value given as "1 CENT 1" or "2 CENTS 2" instead of "ONE CENT" or "TWO CENTS," respectively.

Envelopes.

1c light blue-green on white.
2c carmine on white.

(1404)—Mr. Benj. Cadbury shows us the "Alberta Winter Fair Calgary Dec. 11-14, 1917" cancellation, used at Calgary, Nov. 8.

CHINA.—Mr. Theodore Siddall sends us two booklets of stamps which were issued on October 10th. He states that the booklets are sold at the post offices for the exact face value of the stamps, which is $1 Mexican per book. (The U. S. value of $1 Mexican is now 65 cents.) One book is pink and yellow, floral design, and Mr. Siddall sends us a translation of the inscription, which is in Chinese: "Postage Stamp Book. This book contains 28 1-cent stamps, 24 3-cent stamps." The other book is pale green and yellow, also floral design, but differing from the pink and yellow one, and the translation of the inscription is as follows: "Postage Stamp Book. This book contains 4 10-cent stamps, 18 3-cent stamps, 6 1-cent stamps." The rates of postage are given on the backs, the same on both books, and are: Local letters, 1c for every 20 grams; Letters for China, 3c every 20 grams; Letters for Hong Kong, Wei-hai-wei, Macau, 4c every 20 grams; Letters for Japan, 3c every 15 grams; Letters for Union Countries, 10c for first 20 grams, 6c each additional 20 grams.

FRANCE.—This country is adding to the advertising cancellation emissions. Mr. Benjamin Cadbury shows us two new ones, but one is incomplete, only partly falling on the envelope, the other reading in three lines "Pour Paris Mettre le Numero de l'Arrondissement" (For Paris add the number of the district). Paris is laid out in districts, and postal addresses have for some time been accustomed to having "IX," "X," "XVI," etc., tacked onto them, these numbers assisting in the sorting and delivery of mail matter, each number referring to the district of like number. The request in the ad. cancellation is probably an endeavor to make the use of the district numbers more general.

HAYTI.—(1403)—We have a letter from Mr. Frank P. Brown in reference to matters put forth in our Chronicle of November 17th, 1917. Mr. Brown writes: "Referring to your new issue column, I see you state that your Hayti correspondent says certain stamps were not sold by the Hayti Post Office. I think he is very much in error on this, as I imported these direct from Porto Prince about two years ago, when they were current stamps. This applies to Nos. 219 to 234. No. 242 was not received from the Post Office there, nor do I remember having seen the stamp."

RUSSIA.—*(Offices in China.)*—(1389)—Mr. Theodore Siddall writes to us as follows: "The Russian China stamps with denomination surcharged are the only ones that are now available for postage in China, but the old issues that were until a short time past still current may be exchanged for the new issue at any time up to Sept. 15, 1918. These that may be exchanged include Scott's Nos. 3, 17, 18 and up to No. 41; the others were demonetized some time back."

SALVADOR.—(1404)—In connection with the "S" surcharges, the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. gives us permission to publish the following extract of letter addressed to Dr. V. M. Berthold by Mr. Florentin Souza, Postmaster General:—

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of Berna, after which they were sold to the public. The circulation, however, lasted only eight or ten days, because it was found that the printed S could be imitated for fraudulent purposes.

Some imperforated specimens were found in use, and upon investigation we discovered them to be genuine, having come out of our stamp department, possibly through oversight of the printing office.

Eight values, 1-2-5-6-10-12-50 and 100 cents, were used ordinarily of this issue.

The 100 cents is the only value placed in circulation with surcharge "OFICIAL" of the issue Palace "S." Owing to the stated reason that the printed S might be imitated, this surcharge was substituted by "1915" engraved.

By act or decree of May 29, 1916, the sale was accorded at public auction in my office, of the unused issue S of the eight mentioned values, adding 589,250 specimens, including the imperforated stamps and also 23,100 of the surcharge 1915 which turned out to be errors in the engraving and printing. The sale was made to the highest bidder, Mr. Manuel de J. Tablas, with legal formalities.

Surcharge in red Palace Stamps.—By act of April 30, 1917, this issue was decreed and placed in circulation, having complied with the regulation of the U. P. U. by forwarding 3 sets to each Administration through the International Bureau of Berna. This surcharge was made on

42,100	stamps, value	1c
6,160	" "	2c
4,000	" "	5c
38,280	" "	6c
37,120	" "	10c
28,780	" "	12c
46,980	" "	50c

of which, all are in circulation but the 1, 2 and 5 cents, which have all been sold.

Surcharge black line over OFICIAL Palace Stamps.—This was ordered by act of February 8, 1917, having issued 34,000 stamps value 2 cents, and 31,000 of 5 cents, which were placed in circulation after sending the corresponding sets as per U. P. U. regulations. This issue is, however, all exhausted.

With reference to the surcharges mentioned and also to a new one which we are making at present, I wish to explain that we find ourselves at times nearly out of some values, and this brings the necessity of the surcharges on some values of which we have large amounts. The principal causes of this condition are increase in our mails and delay in obtaining our orders from the American Bank Note Company, due to present war conditions.

I, Florentin Souza, Postmaster General of the Republic of El Salvador, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct extract of a letter dated October 5th, 1917, written by me and addressed to Dr. V. M. Berthold of New York City.

San Salvador, 2nd November, 1917.

(Signed) F. SOUZA (Seal.)
(Attest) C. ESTRADA M
Ass. Srio."

Official communications of this kind are very valuable to the students of Philately, and we appreciatively thank the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co. for their permission to publish the above. We will not add any comment, with the exception that we note the 100 centavos with "Oficial" in the design, as we understand from the above, was the only value with the overprint "S" which was placed in circulation, besides the eight values of regular adhesives with overprint "S," and the imperforate "errors" of these.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—The Economist Stamp Co. shows us another new issue of War Tax stamps. The 1d scarlet is overprinted "WAR TAX" in smaller sans-serif capitals in two lines, the type known as condensed Gothic, the letters being well spaced. We do not know whether any varieties occur.

War Tax Stamp.
1d scarlet, black overprint.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. W. G. Watt writes as follows: "In looking over a batch of Union of South Africa, I came across a copy of the ½d which is perf. horizontally only and is evidently a coil stamp. This one is part of a paste-up pair, as the stub of the other stamp with control mark is attached at the back at the lower side. Have not noticed this variety listed and pass on the item as possibly being of interest."

Mr. Adam Gruenig writes as follows: "I am sending an envelope, which is rather an interesting souvenir of the War in Africa. When the English forces captured German South West Africa, they also captured the German stationery, and as they seem to be 'hooverizing' down there, too, they took the stuff over to Pretoria, and seem to be making good use of it. The three lines in the corner read: 'Kaiserl. Bakteriologisches Institut fur Deutsch Sudwestafrika Gamams bei Windhuk' (Imperial Bacteriologic Institute for German South West Africa)." The cover shows the three lines of return card barred out and "On His Majesty's Service" and other English information printed thereon.

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Lot.		Catalogue
1.	No. 1, used, fair only	$4.00
2.	2, used, thin spot and small tear but fine appearing	12.00
3.	4 & 4a, both cut in one side	3.80
4.	8, o. g. and superb	13.50
5.	14, unused	1.25
6.	15, unused	1.00
7.	16, o. g., off at left	7.50
8.	16, used, good	1.25
9.	16a, used, fine	1.25
10.	16 and a, four damaged	5.00
11.	18, unused, good	1.75
12.	18, used, good	1.50
13.	19, o. g., off left	5.00
14.	19a, unused, good	5.00
15.	19, used, good	.75
16.	19a, used, good	1.25
17.	20, unused, close bottom	6.00
18.	20, used, good	1.50
19.	**Damaged, but good fillers, Nos. 1, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20**	7.85
20.	21, o. g., fine	.50
21.	Same, grey black o. g., fine	.50
22.	21, used, good	.35
23.	22, used, fine	.60
24.	23, unused, good	2.00
25.	23a, unused, good	2.00
26.	24, unused, good	2.00
27.	24 and a, used, fine	.33
28.	24b, used, fine	1.50
29.	25 or a, used, fair	.75
30.	26, unused, good	3.00
31.	26a, unused, good	3.75
32.	26 or a, used, fine	.65
33.	27, o. g., fine	1.00
34.	27, o. g., bit off	1.00
35.	27, used, fine	.50
36.	27a, used, fine	.75
37.	**Damaged, but good fillers, 21-27**	3.50
38.	31, used, good	1.00
39.	31a, unused, off right	5.00
40.	32 and 33, o. g., fine	.45
41.	34, unused, fine	.50
42.	34a, unused, fine	1.25
43.	35, unused, fine	1.50
44.	36 or a, unused, fine	3.00
45.	36 or a, used, fine	.75
46.	37, unused, fine	3.50
47.	37, used, good	1.50
48.	38, unused, fine	1.25
49.	39, o. g., fine	1.00
50.	39a, o. g., fine	2.50
51.	39, used, good	.40
52.	40b Imp., used, fine	???
53.	41, unused, good	1.25
53x.	42a, unused, fine	1.00
54.	42b, Imp. hor. pair, un'd, very fine	14.00
55.	43, o. g., fine	.30
56.	44, o. g., fine	1.00
57.	44, unused, fine	1.00
58.	45, o. g., fine	3.00
59.	45a, o. g., fine	2.00
60.	45b, o. g., fine	2.50
61.	40 to 45, used, good	.73
62.	46, o. g., fair, only	.50
63.	47, o. g., fine	1.00
64.	46 and 47, used, fine	.35
65.	48, unused, bit off	1.50
66.	48a, unused, bit off	3.00
67.	48b, Imp., unused, fine	8.50
68.	49, unused, fine	1.50
69.	49a, o. g., fine	2.00
70.	Four fine shades, used	.46
71.	50, o. g., fine	.40
72.	50, used, fine	.40
73.	51 to 54, o. g., fine	.57
74.	Same, used, fine	.33
75.	55, o. g., fine	1.00
76.	56, o. g., fine	.50
77.	56, used, fine	.30
78.	57, o. g., fine	.65
79.	57, used, fine	.35
80.	58, o. g., fine	.55
81.	58, used, fine	.50
82.	59, o. g., fine	.75
83.	60, o. g., fine	1.25
84.	60, used, fine	.30
85.	61, used, good	1.50
86.	62, used, fine	1.50
87.	65, used, fine	4.00
88.	66 to 73, o. g., fine	1.70
89.	Same, used, fine	.75
90.	74 to 81, o. g., fine	1.59
91.	Same, used, fine	.85
92.	82 to 85, o. g., fine	.32
93.	87, used, fine	.30
94.	88, o. g., fine	.25
95.	89-95, used, fine	.44
96.	96 to 99, o. g., fine	.36
97.	100 and 101, o. g., fine	.50
98.	102, o. g., fine	.40
99.	103, o. g., fine	.50
100.	96 to 103, used, fine	1.30
101.	104 to 109, o. g., fine	.63
102.	104 to 110, used	.29
103.	153b Imp., used, fine	???

NEWFOUNDLAND

Lot.		Catalogue
104.	3, o. g., fine	2.50
105.	3, used, good	5.00
106.	18, o. g., fine	1.00
107.	20, o. g., fine	.60
108.	21, o. g., fine	3.00
109.	22, o. g., fine	4.00
110.	23, o. g., fine	1.50

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Nov. 20, 1917.

The 392nd (regular) meeting of the Society held this evening proved to be one of the best attended for a long time. There were 37 members and 7 visitors present and all seemed to enjoy looking over the collections submitted in the two competitions. The regular routine of the business meeting over, Mr. Kelly of Washington, D. C., made a few well-chosen remarks and was followed by one of our former members, the Rev. John L. Kilbon. Mr. Kilbon was a member from 1892 to 1899, his membership number being 68. He spoke of the old times in the club and of the difference in the stamps sold at auctions then and now. He was warmly applauded when he had finished. Mr. Batchelder solicited contributions for buying a second liberty bond. This was started in the Council meeting and met with instant success. In about twenty minutes he had been assured of about $35.00. If any of the members wish to help out they may send such contribution to the Secretary but the committee does not wish anyone to subscribe more than 1 dollar. The applications of Mr. Joseph Novello, Mr. Tilton S. Bell (a former member) and Mr. James W. Tyson for resident membership and of Mr. Albert Calvert for junior membership, were read and will be posted at the December meeting. It is intended to make the December meeting particularly interesting to the younger collectors around Boston. The committee, Mr. E. M. Carpenter, chairman, wishes every member to bring a sealed package to be given away. He will in return receive a package. The President hopes that the members will contribute one or more good stamps apiece to be sold for the benefit of the Entertainment Fund. The competitions each had six entries. Mr. F. S. Cook received first prize in the War Stamp contest and Mr. Brown second. In the contest for "Scandinavian" countries the Secretary was greatly surprised and pleased to win first, and Mr. Sawyer received the second.

Adjournment was made at 10.00 P. M., with many of the members still looking over the stamps, especially those of Mr. Oscar Hill, which were not entered in the competition, as he donated the medals. His collection would, of course, have easily taken the honors.

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May, 1½d, fancy capitals ... .10
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CHAPTER XL.

1898 Roulettes and Perforates.

All the documentary stamps up to the $50, and also the proprietaries, were rouletted until they had been in use about eighteen months. The roulette measures about 5¾ and is apparently the same as was in use on the playing card stamps of the 1894 series and the proprietaries of 1880. About December 1, 1899, the 2c documentary appeared with what was called the "new" roulette. This is not a true roulette at all, but is a *perforation*, the holes being in the shape of slots or hyphens, hence the name hyphen hole perf. Single stamps with this perforation appear to be rouletted, but nearly always can be distinguished from the true roulettes by measuring the number of points. The hyphen perfs. measure 7 points in two centimeters (20 mm.).

The entire proprietary set and the documentaries up to the $50 printed after about December 31, 1899, were hyphen perfed and all of the proprietary set and the 1898 documentaries from 1c to $3 inclusive were issued and exist with this peculiar perforation. The orange ½c stamps were all printed in 1898 and therefore never existed with hyphen perf. The ½c gray did exist with this perf, but none appear to have been issued. The reason is that 38,724,000 of the ½c stamps—including the orange—were printed, but only 18,704,400 were issued. All except 8,208,000 that were printed in the fiscal year 1901 were printed before July 1, 1899, and as there were no ½c stamps issued after June 30, 1901, the balance of rouletted ½c on hand was so large that there was no need for those printed after June 30, 1900. It is rather difficult to understand why these eight million odd were printed at all since there were eleven million too many without them.

The quantities of the $5 orange, $10 black and $50 brown on hand December 1, 1899, were very large and in all probability none of these stamps were printed after that date. There were no $10 stamps delivered to the Internal Revenue office in the year ending June 30, 1900. The $30 red, of which there were 64,000 in all, was not printed after June 30, 1899. This stamp was first delivered to the Internal Revenue office December 2, 1898, was first issued in February, 1899, and last issued in November, 1900. The last issue was two sheets and none were issued in September or October, 1900. There were only 19,456 issued—less than one-third of those printed. The 3c, 4c and 40c documentary were last issued in May, 1901, and the 80c stamp followed them into retirement the next month.

Owing to the unfortunate fact that the reports of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and of the Bureau of Internal revenue, (here called the Internal Revenue office to avoid confusion), disregard changes in color, design and perforation and deal only with denominations, it is rarely possible to separate the varieties of the 1898 series as a philatelist would classify them. The writer regrets that in most cases he is able to give only the total quantity of each denomination issued and that the reader must make his own estimates of the proportions of rouletted and hyphen perfed stamps. The same applies to changes in colors and designs. Not the slightest hint as to the number of the ½c orange printed or issued is available.

On page 41 of the 1917 edition of the Standard catalog is stated—"There are two styles of rouletting for the proprietary and documentary stamps of the 1898 series, an ordinary rouletting and one by which small rectangles of the paper are cut out, usually called hyphen-hole perforation. With the exception of Nos. 3025, 3026 and 3039 to 3042 inclusive, all the stamps of the two series exist with both roulettes *and are worth about the same prices with either variety.*"

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tained for it and one can readily get just as much for a scarce hyphen as for a common roulette, of course one is worth just as much as the other. However, lest the reader conclude there is no greater difficulty in securing a complete set of the hyphen perfs. than of the rouletted stamps because of what the catalog says he is invited to consider an incident that perhaps is pertinent to the subject.

The present writer cannot vouch for the literal truth of what he is about to relate and yet he feels that the anecdote can hardly mislead the reader, certainly not to the extent that many diligent readers of the Standard catalog have been mislead by the last clause of the paragraph quoted.

The story is that some years ago, while a distinguished citizen of Hartford, Connecticut, was still alive, there occurred more than the usual amount of criticism directed at the Standard catalog and the short-comings thereof. Just at that time the power behind the catalog throne chanced to be looking up a date or an event in American history and among other standard works consulted Bill Nye's "History of the United States." Reading along as far as the part about Daniel Webster's speech and the remarks regarding a rather well-known book written by another noted American named Webster, he was struck with the force of Nye's criticism. Nye said Noah Webster's book was wordy and lacking in plot. "By Jove!" exclaimed the catalog man, "maybe that's what's the matter with our catalog." Losing no time, he went to Hartford and was successful in securing Mr. C's consent to having C. touch up the catalog here and there and put a little life in it wherever, as appeared to C., a little life might make an improvement. Mr. C. sort of demurred at first and said that although perhaps he'd had some experience of one kind or another in writing books, he really didn't know much about stamps, but the catalog man wouldn't listen to any objections and told C. he didn't have to know anything about stamps, all he had to do was to liven up the catalog and fix it so a human being of ordinary intelligence could understand it, and let it go at that.

The story certainly sounds plausible, and it has never been denied. The writer of this article feels that in justice to the departed, as well as to the stamp collectors of the present and of the years to come, it would be no more than fitting if those who now edit and publish the Standard catalog would arrange to print Mark Twain's name after the clause quoted above and any others from which his quaint and genial humor is reflected. Regarding the quotations on certain match, medicine and other stamps that may have been adjusted by America's most famous humorist it would not be practicable to use even his pen name in full, but "M. T." in small letters placed beside those prices would ensure the eternal gratitude of American philately.

CHAPTER XLI.

Series of 1898, Color Changes.

As had been the case during the Civil War, the government in 1898-1902, suffered considerable trouble and loss of revenue from the re-use of washed stamps, and about the time of the appearance of the hyphen-hole perforation, there was a ruling making it obligatory to cancel all denominations from the 10c up, by three parallel cuts in each stamp. From December 1899, the great majority of the documentaries down to the 10c, have cut or punched cancellations, and this is one reason why the earlier hyphen-perfed stamps are relatively so scarce "uncut". Still, there were many of the higher value documentaries used uncut and the story of these stamps after 1899, to the end of the tax in 1902, is just one failure after another—every method used by the Bureau to produce stamps that could not be washed and used again, except, perhaps, the last attempt, was unsuccessful.

In January, 1900, it was planned to change the colors of the four lower dollar values, presumably to render them less easy to wash. The new colors were to be $1 red, $3 red brown, (lake?), $5 blue, $10 purple. In June, 1900, the $1 appeared in red and although the writer finds no record of the appearance of the $3 lake until about December 1, 1900, it was probably issued in August of that year. The issue of $3 stamps in the latter part of 1900, was:—

June	23,808	October	10,624
July	9,088	November	5,888
August	84,608	December	80,000
September	2,944		

The unusually large quantity issued in August is rather significant, and as we know the issue of $3 grays began in November, perhaps we can approximate the maximum number of the $3 stamps issued in lake by assuming that those issued in August, September and October were all lake. This gives a total of 98,176, but it is doubtful if these were all sold to the public. The stamp is too scarce, especially uncut, for so many to have been used.

The Washington Notes in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY of October 25, 1900, state "The $1, $3, $5, and $10 Documentary in new colors were delivered to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue *sometime previously,* but only the $1 red has been seen." There is no other evidence that the new $5 or $10 stamps were ever printed, or if printed, in what colors. Certainly none were ever issued. The Washington Notes of November 29, 1900, in MEKEEL'S state there were believed to have been delivered by the Bureau 16,000 sheets of the $1 red, (2,048,000 stamps), and 2,500 sheets of the $3 lake, (320,000 stamps).

(To be continued.)

DOCUMENTARY AND PARCEL POST.

Wm. T. Kimball submits for our inspection a specimen of the new 1c documentary. The color is red and it is oblong rectangular in shape. The numeral in the center is uncolored and has an engine turned background. The only lettering is "U. S. I. R." in the corners and "Documentary—Cent" in the circle. We quote from the *Monthly Circular:*—

"There will be two classes of adhesive stamps printed, Documentary and Parcel Post. The Documentary denominations are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25, 40, 50, 80 cents, $1, $2, $3, $5, $10, $30, $60, $100, $500, $1,000. The design of the stamps from 1c to 80c is oblong rectangular in shape, with the denomination in large figures in the center. The $1 and $2 stamps have a Liberty head in the center, with the denomination at the bottom of the stamps. The Parcel Post stamps will be from 1c to 4c."

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1896, 20c orange	.02
1899-1900, 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c	.04
1907, 1c yellow green and black	.01
1907, 2c red and violet	.01
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A monograph competition is announced and any philatelist, whether a member of the Club or not, may enter a manuscript, which may be upon any philatelic subject. It must, however, be new material, never before published in its entirety, or been awarded any exhibition honors.

There will also be an "Original Research Competition" and to the two philatelists who make the most interesting discoveries during the season ending May 6, 1918, silver and bronze medals will be awarded. A detailed list of the exhibitions follows:—

Thursday, January 10, Exhibition.—Four classes, including Anglo-Saxon and Teutonic States, Latin States, Balkan States, Scandinavian and Russian States. Also 20th Century competition, Asia.

Thursday, February 14 Exhibition.—United States, six classes:—Adhesives, Colonies, Confederates, Envelopes, Proofs and Essays, Revenues. Also 20th Century Competition, France and Colonies.

Thursday, March 14 Exhibition.—Two classes:—British North America, also any country in South or Central America. Also 20th Century Competition, Europe.

Thursday, April 11 Exhibition.—Three classes. Any colony or group of colonies except Great Britain and U. S., any country in Africa, any country in Asia. Also 20th Century Competition, South America.

Thursday, May 9 Exhibition.—Two classes:—single issue specialized and cancellations of any country or group of states. Also 20th Century Competition, Portugal and Colonies.

TO THE CURRENT 3c.

(Following the illustrious example of Eugene Field with his lines to the 3c green, Walt Mason breaks into poetry with the 3c stamp now so popular as his inspiration. We have received this "poem" from several subscribers, but the first at hand came from Mr. Wolsieffer, who found it in the Philadelphia Bulletin.—Ed.)

The three cent stamp is lavender; my aunt admires the hue, although it nearly spavined her, surrendering the two. Its back has costly mucilage, and that will make it stick! I find it, in this crucial age, a tasty thing to lick. I'm tired of licking travelers who'd sell me books and lamps, and darners, knitters, ravellers—I'd rather lick some stamps. The three cent stamp is beautiful, much smoother than the two; I feel I'm acting dutiful when I buy up a few. I send my junk to editors with stamps that please the eye, and stand-off notes to creditors which make them shed a sigh. The two cent stamp was hideous, it broke the highbrow's heart; it had effect insidious upon our native art. From vandals and barbarians its hue was handed down; for red is for vulgarians who like to paint the town. But lavender's luxurious, a tint for the elect, and it will make us furious to quit it, I expect.

WALT MASON.

A WORD FROM THE FRONT.

U. S. EXPEDITIONARY FORCES,
FRANCE, Nov. 12, 1917.

TO THE EDITOR:

MEKEEL'S had been coming to me regularly for over ten years until the present "mess" started and I slipped into a uniform. I have been in the Army over half a year now, and on this side over three months, and as I am settling down to my work here, I miss MEKEEL'S.

We have few facilities for forwarding money, but herewith I enclose 3 frs. in French postage stamps, trusting that you may be able to use them in such a way as to give me credit for another year, for I know my old subscription must have expired by this time. You will note that the 1 and 5 centimes are on the newest lot of G. C. (Grand Consommation) paper, with particles of blue silk thread. Possibly you have noted these before.

When I came over I left a collection, mounted in eight loose leaf Scott albums and numbering into the thousands—brought nary a stamp with me—and now I am starting all over again. A few days ago I achieved 600 varieties—and I have some forty U. S. where I had many times that number.

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NEW HIGH VALUES FOR BERMUDA.

Our Agent has kindly sent us a copy of the *Bermuda Colonist*, of September 20th, in which the following announcement appears:—

"At the House of Assembly, yesterday afternoon, the Stamp Duties Act, 1917, passed its third reading without further comment. For the purpose of carrying out the measures provided for under the Act, Mr. A. W. Bluck moved that a message be sent to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to take the steps necessary to have printed stamps of new values, viz., 2sh 6d, 5sh, 10sh and £1. It is also suggested that the new stamps shall bear the effigy of King George on the face instead of that now in use, as, it is stated in the message, Bermuda is almost the only Colony not bearing that distinction at the present time."

It is uncertain whether these new values will be for postage or only for revenue purposes, but we are making further enquiries. At any rate it will be a long time before they are ready for use.—*Whitfield King's List.*

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Here—The new revenue stamps arrived concurrently with December first, when the law requiring the payment of taxes by stamps became effective. We understand that the denominations from one cent well up into the dollar values are generally on sale. We have seen different of the values, but shall leave their description to Mr. Mann. The similarity of the dollar values with those of the series of 1914 is a surprise. The distinctive stamps which we understand will be used in payment of the parcel post tax are not available at this writing and the regular documentary stamps are being used instead. It is something of a novelty to buy the revenue stamps over the counter at the post office. We thank Mr. John E. Lord for showing us the first of the revenue stamps.

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Seals—The post office department has issued its customary order that the requirement that adhesive seals or stickers when on the address side of the envelope render the matter unmailable, be suspended from December 1st to January 1st, 1918. It is preferred, however, that seals be not placed on the address side of mail matter.

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Russia—A reader says that a registered letter received recently from Russia, was not censored and bore a twenty kopec, 1909-12; the place of origin of the letter was Perm in Northeastern Russia.

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Service—It is with great satisfaction that we again record the activities of that prince of philatelists, Mr. Charles Lathrop Pack, in his various activities in the campaign for conservation. In his work as chief of the National Emergency Food Garden Commission, Mr. Pack "has made a food-raising noise that has reverberated in the back yards from Maine to California." Too, we are proud that the ranks of philatelists have been drawn upon so largely for government work of different kinds during our national emergency, while the proportion of our readers who are engaged in the field is very high.

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Joke—Here is a newspaper joke that is gaining wide currency that we noticed first in the Chicago *Tribune:*

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Addendum—"What has become of the old-fashioned dealer who charged five cents for a small four-paged price list?" asks Mr. King Thurber, who continues: "He flourished before the day of the dealer who advertised his 'price list for three cent stamp' who, then kowtowed to in this manner, sent his scrimpy list unsealed, under one cent postage. You could not get ahead of the old stamp dealer who, moreover, was apt to be cold, crusty and suspicious (with a number of glorious exceptions) and could not compare in urbanity with the dealer of to-day, although he could in honesty."

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Questioned—In the preceding paragraph, we do not know whether Mr. Thurber intended to give his estimate of the honesty of the old-time dealer in comparison with that of the modern dealer any significance. If he did, we take issue with Mr. Thurber as if we had to choose between the dealer of the past and the dealer of the present, we should select him of to-day. We do not need to go into the details of this sordid subject as it is almost certain that Mr. Thurber did not mean to impugn the motives of the modern dealer. Of course, it is without warrant to say that commercial philately now is flawlessly sound. Many of us know that there are weak spots in the dealing fabric, but the average of morality is higher this year of grace than ever before. How are the dealers who are on the fringe of trade to be chastened? Let the dealers' associations and the national philatelic societies purge them from the membership rolls and brand them; and then it would be found that no reputable philatelic publication would give them harbor.

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Suspended—From the issue of *Everybody's Philatelist* dated October, 1917, but just received, it is learned that this "oldest monthly devoted exclusively to stamps" as the publisher puts it, will cease to exist for the time being. The war is assigned as the cause of the suspension, the editor, Dr. John M. Holt, being on temporary duty in the U. S. Army. We deplore the quenching of this brave spirit which for so long a time has inspired readers to a more elevated philatelic outlook, but we know very well what difficulties confront the producer of philatelic print nowadays. We were in hopes that in some way the endowment feature of *Everybody's Philatelist* would tide over the publication during the present complicated period, even during the absence of the proprietor, but these expectations have gone by the board. We shall applaud the reentry of Dr. Holt's paper in the philatelic arena.

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Books—The publication of Mr. Ward's "Stamps of Great Britain," by the Severn-Wylie-Jewett Company at twelve cents is in line with our policy of offering works of the kind at popular prices. Our list of handbooks has grown to be an extensive one and we feel that we have all justification in soliciting support for our endeavor to provide at cost, or less, books of instructive character. It is our desire to inculcate in the mind of the average collector the desirability of fortifying his collection with printed records of the issues that it includes. When the light begins to dawn on the mass of collectors, the sale of helpful treatises of the kind will greatly multiply. In overcoming this reluctance, we shall have our reward; and all philately will benefit through the stabilizing influence of a working literature on stamps. In his valedictory, Dr. Holt said: "If there is any one thing which we would concentrate all our emphasis upon, it is that every serious collector assume a greater personal responsibility in fostering philatelic journalism."

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Evasion—Camouflage, is it? Well, how about the man who drops in at the auction sale all out of breath just too late for the big number which realized a record price and disturbs everybody by his fussing over his ill-luck in getting there just after the only lot which he said he was determined to buy had been sold? He is the imposing looking fellow whose verbal philatelic triumphs would fill a book, but whose stamps, if ever one can manage to see them, emphatically do not fill one.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

—We are in receipt of a letter from Robert B. Smith, Hackensack, N. J., calling attention to the delay in receiving the November issues of the WEEKLY. Each number was from five to six days in transit from Portland, Maine, to Hackensack, N. J. This is certainly inefficient service, but what can be done by publishers? Mr. Smith writes, "My local postoffice claims that the New York postoffice holds up second and third class matter. I thought you ought to know of this very poor service, but if it be caused by the needs of the government it is of course all right. If not, someone should be prodded." Will subscribers who feel disposed to find fault with the slow handling of newspaper mail realize that by being patient they may contribute their bit to the tremendous work of transportation which the government now has upon its hands and which the public knows but little about?

—At the November meeting of the Somerville Stamp Society, three new members were admitted. Various late issues of war stamps were distributed at face value to the members. W. A. Rowell of Melrose, exhibited his collection of English penny reds and King George stamps. This society is strong and active and its success is assured.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Albert H. Hall, R. P. H. VanKirk and J. F. Thiefels.

—E. G. A.—The reprints in question have no pecuniary value. Please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope whenever information is desired by mail.

—A subscriber in the state of Washington is very much dissatisfied with Uncle Sam's slowness in the delivery of the WEEKLY. We are dissatisfied too, but we do not know how to remedy the difficulty. In these troublous times we are no doubt fortunate in receiving mail, even though it be much delayed. Our correspondent adds, "Please send me my paper for Nov. 24 so as to arrive on the 24th." In view of the fact that the paper is not published before the date of issue it will be impossible to comply with the request.

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ADVERTISEMENTS ON NEW ZEALAND STAMPS.



We take the following valuable information from a comprehensive article published in the June *Australian Stamp Journal*, with which an illustration of the advertisements on the back of a complete sheet of the 4d green, perf. 10, 1882 issue, was presented as a supplement:—

"In 1893 a contract was made with a business firm in Wellington for the right to advertise on the backs of postage stamps. The contract, which was for three years, was terminable by the contractors at the end of twelve months. The venture not proving a satisfactory one, the contractors exercised their right to determine the agreement.

"The stamps on which the advertisements appear are the 1882-97 issue, side-face Queen. The advertisements are to be found on the following denominations, viz.: 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, and 1s. Nearly all are perf. 10, but they are known perf. 12x11½ and 12½x10 (*vide* the 'History of New Zealand Stamps,' page 31).

"A good deal of uncertainty has heretofore existed with regard to these advertisements on the backs of the stamps. Many collectors wonder what they are. A few collect them, but not on any definite plan, their idea seeming to be to get a specimen of each advertisement.

"Quite recently there came into our possession a complete sheet of 240 of the 4d stamps, perf. 10, which contains all the advertisements on the back. The back of the sheet with the advertisements is illustrated and published as a supplement to this month's number, quarter size, and we append hereunder a list of the different advertisements, together with the order in which they appear, taking the numbers from the top left-hand corner. 'U,' in brackets, signifies that the advertisement appears upright; 'S,' sideways; 'D,' diagonal; 'in frame,' also in brackets, signifies that the advertisement has a line all round it.

"It will now be possible to reconstruct, or plate, the sheet. Obviously 240 stamps could not be put on the page of any ordinary album, but the sheet could be divided into four panes of sixty stamps each, and each pane put on a separate page.

"We understand that the same advertisements appear on all denominations, so the matter of plating could be simplified if collectors were to ignore the denomination altogether and merely try to get the particular advertisement to fill the space, for, as the stamps would be face downwards, their denomination or colour would not be seen.

"Heretofore these stamps have not created any general interest, very little extra has been charged for them by those who wish to sell them, and doubtless many collectors will have specimens in their collection; so the task of reconstructing the pane or sheet might not be a very difficult one. At any rate, assuming that a collector did not think of plating these at the start, he could easily affix the number above it in his album, and he could then find out as time rolled on how many different varieties he had acquired."

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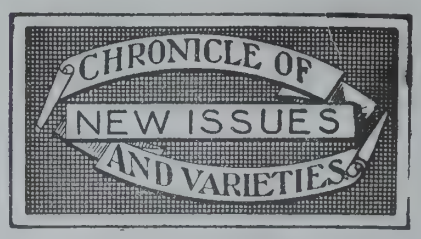
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New U. S. Documentaries.

We have seen the new 1c and 2c Documentary Revenue stamps and a description of them is as follows: The size is the same, over all, as the postage stamps, but the designs are somewhat smaller, allowing more space between the stamps, both horizontally and vertically. They are oblong like the 1914 Proprietary stamps; a large colorless numeral is in the center of an engine-turned background of oval form surrounded by a band containing "DOCUMENTARY" around the top and "CENT" or "CENTS" as the case may be, at the bottom in colorless letters on colored ground. A line of color surrounds the design and the corners have the background of horizontal lines, each spandrel containing a solid color triangle containing the colorless letters, each flanked by a colorless dot, "U S I R" in the upper left, upper right, lower left and lower right corners, respectively. The design is nothing exceptional either in drawing or finished product, but it is far better than the 1914 design.

The stamps are produced on the Harris Automatic Presses, by the method known as "offset", the same as the Tax Paid stamps. The paper of the new stamps is white wove, watermarked multiple outline Roman capitals "U S I R" (double line letters so-called), and the perforation is the same as for the current postage stamps, perforated 11.

The color of the stamps is rose, but it will probably run the full length of the color chart from pale rose to deep carmine, like the 1914 series. The 1c we have seen is deep rose, while the 2c is dull light rose.

Documentary Revenues.

1c rose.
2c rose.

If a separate series of War Tax stamps is to be issued for the parcel post service, they will not be on sale in Philadelphia for the opening day of the tax, because the postal clerk from whom we secured the Documentary stamps described above, said he had instructions to use the Documentary stamps for the parcel post tax.

UNITED STATES.—Here is a variety for collectors of stamp booklets. Mr. Robert G. Montgomery advises of the purchase of the 73c booklets with twenty-four 1-cent and twenty-four 2-cent stamps, the 1-cent being perf. 10 unwatermarked and the 2-cent being perf. 10 watermarked.

(1400)—Under date of November 17, the Post Office Department has issued instructions regarding the sale of the Parcel Post War Tax stamps and the other War Tax stamps, all of which are to be sold by the post offices throughout the country. The stamps are supposed to be on sale by December 1, when the War Tax stamp law becomes operative. We will endeavor to give the colors of at least some of the stamps in this week's Chronicle.

(1405)—Mr. W. H. McCart supplements last week's list of Tax Paids:

Cigars.—Series of 1916, two line hand-stamp overprint "Class B Act of 1917" in violet, 25 Cigars; ditto, red printed overprint large "C", 50 Cigars; ditto, violet hand-stamp overprint in large letters "CLASS B", 50 Cigars.

Beer.—Eighth Barrel, Series of 1914, rubber stamp surcharge "Act of 1917" reading up, in violet.

Fermented Liquors.—Quarter Barrel, Series of 1916, large type overprint in black "Act of 1917"; Half Barrel, same. Half Barrel, Series of 1916, small type overprint in violet "Act of 1917", reading up; ditto, reading down.

Two new classes of stamps are created by the Act of Sept. 24, 1917: War Savings Certificate Stamps and United States Thrift Stamps. As far as their collecting is concerned, these new stamps will be upon a par with the Postal Savings Stamps, but their purpose, while somewhat the same, is for a more serious and patriotic reason.

BAHAMAS.—(1400)—We have the following letter from Mr. Harry E. Huber:

"Referring to my letter of October 10, in regard to the local printings of the Special Delivery, Bahamas, and also the portions which were reprinted in the issue of the WEEKLY, No. 1400, of October 27.

On referring to my notes covering these two printings, it seems that in some unaccountable manner, in writing my letter to you of October 10, I transposed these: i, e., the block of ten which I wrote as being the first printing, is really the second; and those which I wrote as being from the second, are the first.

Therefore the characteristics of the two printings are just the reverse of those I previously wrote you. I don't see how I could have made this mistake, but must put it down to the fact that I was considerably rushed at the time of writing. I note your comment on the fact that the first printing of these stamps was made in December, 1915. I must be rather dense, for I can't just gather what you mean.

As I recall, you previously stated that instead of the Special Delivery stamps being printed in 1915, they were done in 1916. Then in the WEEKLY of October 27th, you mentioned that you made your previous statement based on the fact that plate 2 stamps were not supposed to be used for the 1915 overprinting. They weren't either, but I can't see what this has to do with the first printing, which was done on plate 1 stamps.

Plate 1 and 2 stamps were used for the second printing, which was done in 1917; however, the former seem to be in the majority on this side, though supplies to London seem to have been mostly of plate 2 stamps."

We are very pleased to see Mr. Huber correct his mistake, as we had begun to doubt that he had such a large block of the first printing. The correction shows that he has a pair of the first printing, which took place on plate 1 stamps, only, we believe. *Ewen's Weekly* made the statement that the first printing took place on both plates 1 and 2, and this we drew attention to and corrected, and this is what seems to confuse Mr. Huber.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—(1403)—Mr. J. A. Galbraith shows us the 25c stamp mentioned in the Chronicle of November 17. We note that Scott's list the 25c, 1913, as gray and black on green. The new stamp shown us by Mr. Galbraith is from plate No. 2, and we find that it is *black* throughout on chalk surface paper. Regarding the paper, it has the multiple watermark somewhat opaque, and at the back, the yellowish gum causes the otherwise *milky-blue* paper to appear green—but we could never call the surface of the paper *green.* This is not a discussion regarding Scott's listing, because they are within their rights calling the paper green to distinguish it from *blue* paper used for the British Colonial stamps, as all the authorities call the paper green, but the surface of the new 25c British Honduras stamps is not green, it is *milky-blue.*

Adhesive.

25c black on milky-blue.

CANADA.—(1405)—Mr. Geo. A. Hall advises us of the use of the "Winter Fair Regina Sask. Nov. 27—30—1917" cancellation.

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	1r carmine and green, No. 241	.40
1899, *3p	carmine, No. 242	.10
1900, *½a	light green, No. 244	.08
	*1a carmine, No. 245	.10
	*2a violet, No. 246	.25
1902, *3p	gray, No. 247	.05
	*½a green, No. 248	.03
	*2a violet, No. 250	.06
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Official		
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	*1a violet brown, No. 52	.04
1901, *½a	lighht green, No. 61	.06
	*1a carmine, No. 62	.10
	*2a violet, No. 63	.55
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1903, *½a	green, No. 36	.03
	*2a violet, No. 38	.06
	*2a 6p ultra., No. 39	1.00
Official		
1895, *8a	red violet, No. 105	1.10
1902, *3p	gray, No. 108	.08
	*½a light green, No. 109	.04
	*1a carmine, No. 110	.25
	*2a violet, No. 111	.15

JHIND STATE.

1903, *½a	light green, No. 64	.40
	*3p gray, No. 66	.04
Official		
1903, *1r	carmine and green, No. 125	1.10

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1906, *3p	gray, No. 169	.03
	*½a green, No. 170	.03
	*1a carmine, No. 171	.04
	*2a violet, No. 172	.06

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1900, 2c	orange brown, No. 157	.04
	3c green, No. 158	.06
1904, *5c	dull lilac, No. 181	.10
1908, 5c	red violet, No. 190	.03
	*6c carmine, No. 191	.04
	10c olive green & violet, No. 192	.08
	25c slate, No. 193	.15
	50c brown, No. 194	.35
1912, *6c	scarlet, No. 204	.02
Official		
1899, *2c	orange brown, No. 316	.10
	*3c green, No. 317	.30
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Mr. Jones also shows us a pair of the 10c stamps, typographed frame and engraved center, one of which has the center double, caused by a doubling of the transfer in laying down the designs on the plate. The doubling shows very distinctly, and causes the lines of shading in the face to appear zigzaged.

The new 10c stamp typographed throughout can readily be told upon examination by looking at the back; on the typographed with engraved center, the lines of the engraving can be seen at the back, while on the typographed throughout, the center is opaque like the rest of the stamp. There are a few differences between the engraved head and the typographed one, but these are so minute that it would be difficult to describe them for casual observance, as the two heads are almost identical. However, to be consistent, it might be said that on the engraved face the lines of shading under the right eye (as one looks at the face) are composed of curved lines in a horizontal position, while on the typographed face the diagonal lines of shading in the cheek extend right up through the curved lines of shading under the eye. It will be seen that the differences are so minute, that it would be useless to describe them further here, the one point of difference being enough to identify—but it takes careful examination and a good glass to even see the difference described. The back of the stamp will be test enough for reasonable purposes.

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10c dark blue and black.

MEXICO. — (1390) — Mr. Horace E. Jones shows us a double transfer of the current 10c, consisting of a slight downward shift of the design.

PHILIPPINES.—(1397)—Mr. Otto F. Henker shows us the 4c rose-red, chronicled in our issue for October 6th, with "O. B." overprint in violet, Yvert & Tellier's type "a". The stamp is the new watermarked perforated 10.

PORTUGAL.—(1402)—The change in the value of the escudo has been made, just as we surmised in the issue of November 10th, the equivalent of 20 escudos has been changed to 30 escudos. The postal rates have been changed to conform with the new monetary system, and they are set forth in a copy of "The Postage Rates" in the *Madrid Filatelico*. We will not give this in its entirety, but append extracts therefrom:

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The change in the value of the escudo has made necessary other changes in the postage stamps, and a list of the new stamps was given in our chronicle for November 10th.

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DE LA RUE & CO.—A well-known firm of printers and engravers of Bunhill Row, London, who produced all the surface printed stamps of Great Britain until about June, 1911, and also the majority of the stamps printed for the various British Colonies. No name is more widely known in connection with the manufacture of postage stamps.

DE LAS VASCONGADOS.—This means literally "for the Basque Provinces". A special type of the "Habilitado por la Nacion" overprint was applied to the stamps used in these provinces in 1868. The Basque country is that part of Spain traversed by the Pyrenees.

DE LEON.—An overprint found on certain stamps of Ecuador used in the Province of Leon in 1902. The object of this control overprint was to prevent the use of a large quantity of stamps it was presumed had been stolen from the Government stores at Guayaquil during a serious fire which destroyed a large part of that town in July, 1902.

DELPIERRE, M.—A Belgian artist who designed the 1c, 2c, and 5c stamps of the 1865 issue for Belgium.

DEMIRDJIAN, M.—A Turkish artist who supplied the design for the 1901-5 stamps of Turkey.

DEMING'S PENNY POST.—A local post of the United States in connection with which stamps were issued but at what date and in what town the post was established I can give no information.

DEMONETISED.—A term applied to stamps that, on becoming obsolete, may no longer be used for postal purposes. Usually stamps are only demonetised after they have been obsolete for a number of years, but in some cases, Persia, Salvador, and Nicaragua, for instance, where the remainders are disposed of for the merest fraction of their facial value, the stamps are demonetised directly they become obsolete.

DENMARK.—A kingdom of Northern Europe, and the smallest of the Northern States, with a Constitution dating from July 28th, 1866. Its present contracted dimensions are due to the Dano-German war of 1864, which stripped it of the duchies of Schleswig-Holstein and Lauenburg. Denmark now has an area of 14,844 square miles and a population of about 2,500,000, nearly one-half of which live exclusively by agriculture. Danish history merges from the mythical with the establishment of the Norwegian dynasty of the Ynlinger in Jutland at the end of the 8th century. The Ynlinger were finally exterpated by Gorm the Old, whose great-grandson, Canute the Great, conquered England in 1014. Canute's nephew, Sweyn, founded a Danish dynasty which lasted for four hundred years. In 1665 a period of monarchial absolution began in Denmark, but from 1814 demands for constitutional reform became more and more pronounced. In 1849 this resulted in abolishment of the absolute monarchy, and Frederick VII shared his power with a Rigsdag or Parliament. The language of the Danes represents a division of the ancient Norse speech and is said to be the softest of the Scandinavian tongues. The first Danish postage stamps were issued in March, 1851.

DE OFICIO.—I. An overprint found on some of the Ecuador stamps of 1899-1901. At one time it was considered a control mark applied by one of the provinces in 1902 but specialists are now inclined to the belief that it is either a bogus variety or merely a cancellation.

II. The words "De Oficio" (literally "For Official letters") forms part of a hand-stamped overprint applied to the 1896 stamps of Salvador to convert them into labels for official use.

DEPARTMENTAL STAMPS.—Stamps of special design or bearing a special overprint intended for use on Official correspondence, etc. They are perhaps more generally known as official stamps.

DEPARTMENTO.—The Spanish word for "Department" shown upon the stamps of Antioquia, Bolivar, etc., which are departments or states of the republic of Colombia.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The inscription shown upon the dollar values of the special series of stamps issued in the United States in 1873 for use on the correspondence of this executive department.

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE.—In 1873 the United States department dealing with agricultural matters was supplied with special stamps inscribed in this manner for use on its correspondence.

DEPT. OF JUSTICE.—An inscription shown on another series of United States official stamps issued in 1873 for franking the correspondence emanating from the department dealing with judicial matters.

DEPT. OF STATE.—The inscription shown on the cents values of the special Department of State stamps of the United States.

DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR.—This inscription appears on the United States stamps issued in 1873 for the use of the executive department dealing with internal affairs.

DERECHO JUDICIAL.—An inscription meaning "Judicature Fee," found on certain revenue stamps of the Philippine Islands which, suitably overprinted, served as provisional postage stamps in 1880-90.

DERECHOS DE FIRMA.—These are the Spanish words for "Tax (or Fee) upon Documents" and certain Philippine Is. revenue stamps so inscribed were overprinted for use as postage stamps in 1880-90.

DESIGN.—So far as a postage stamp is concerned the design is, obviously, its most necessary and important feature. In speaking of "design" one usually infers the general features of the drawing that composes the stamp —thus stamps bearing different values but having the same general features are said to be of the same design.

DESMADRYL, N.—A printer of Santiago, Chili, who printed a supply of 5c stamps for that country in January, 1854, from the plates supplied by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London.

DEUTSCHE REICHS POST.—The inscription shown upon all the stamps of the German Empire issued between 1872 and 1889. It means "German Imperial Post".

DEUTSCHES REICH.—An inscription appearing upon all the current stamps of Germany. It may be translated literally as "German Empire".

DEUTSCH NEU GUINEA.—The Teutonic equivalent for German New Guinea as shown upon all the stamps of that colony.

DEUTSCH OESTR. POSTVEREIN.—An inscription appearing upon the early stamps of Baden, Thurn and Taxis, and Wurtemberg, meaning "German-Austrian Postal Union". This had reference to a Postal Convention concluded between Austria and various German States in 1850 for the interchange of mail matter at certain fixed rates. One of the Articles of this Convention provided that postal matter circulating between the various countries comprised in the Union should, as a general rule, be prepaid and that the prepayment should be effected by means of postage stamps as soon as practicable. None of the other signatories to the Convention, however, had inscriptions on their stamps having any direct reference to this postal arrangement.

DEUTSCH OSTAFRIKA.—The German rendering of "German East Africa" as shown upon the stamps issued for the use of that colony.

DEUTSCH SUDWESTAFRIKA.—The inscription shown upon the stamps of German South-west Africa.

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DHAR.—A feudatory State in Central India having an area of 1,740 square miles and a population of about 20,000. Postage stamps for use in this State were first issued in 1897 but four years later (March 31st, 1901) their use was discontinued.

DIADEM.—This is the crown, or other symbol of royalty, shown upon the heads of the various Kings and Queens whose portraits appear on postage stamps.

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DIE.—The original engraved piece of metal or other material from which reproductions are taken to form the plate or stone for printing stamps.

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DIEGO SUAREZ.—A small island in the Indian Ocean belonging to France. From 1890 to 1896 a series of special stamps were used here but in the latter year the island was included in Madagascar and Dependencies for postal purposes and the separate stamps were discontinued.

DIENST.—An overprint on certain stamps of the Dutch Indies in 1911 to denote that they were for use on official correspondence.

DILIGENCIA.—The only inscription, apart from the value, shown upon the three stamps which formed the first issue for Uruguay. The word means "stage-coach" and of course refers to the conveyances used at that early period for the conveyance of the mails.

DIEU ET MON DROIT.—This motto appears on the scroll below the shield on the centre of the current stamps of Antigua. It forms part of the British Royal coat-of-arms, and is said to have been first used by Richard Coeur de Lion, in whose time the Royal Arms consisted only of the three lions now shown in the first quarter of the shield. The motto is in French and means "God and my Right."

DINAR.—The value in which many of the stamps of Serbia are expressed. A dinar consists of 100 paras and has a nominal value of 20c in U. S. currency.

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DIOS, UNION Y LIBERTAD.—This motto, meaning "God, Union and Liberty", is shown upon the first postage stamps issued by the Republic of Honduras.

DIOS Y FEDERACION.—The motto shown below the Arms on the Venezuelan stamps of 1866-67. It means "God and Federation" and refers to the union of the various states of the republic into one Confederation.

DISTRITO MARINO.—The Spanish equivalent for "District of Marino" as shown upon the provisional stamps issued in that Venezuelan district in 1903.

D. J.—An overprint applied to the 5c stamps of the 1892 issue for Obock indicating their appropriation for the use of the town of Djibouti.

DJIBOUTI.—The chief port and town in French Somali Coast. Special stamps were issued for use here from 1894 to 1902, when they were discontinued in favor of the general issue for the whole of the protectorate.

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DOMINICA.—A British Colony in the West Indies, being the largest island in the Leeward Islands group. It is situated 95 miles south of Antigua, between the French islands of Martinique and Guadelope. It has an area of 291 square miles and a population of about 30,000. The island is of volcanic origin, very mountainous and picturesque. The highest point, Diablotin, reaches a height of 5,314 feet. The island was discovered by Columbus in 1493 and as he sighted it on a Sunday, he named it Dominica—the Spanish word for Sunday. The island is governed by a Legislative Council, consisting of the Administrator, who sits as President, and six official and six non-official members nominated by the Governor of the Leeward Islands. The first postage stamps for this Colony were issued on May 4th, 1874, and in 1890, the distinctive stamps were superseded by the general set for use in the whole of the Leeward Islands. In 1903, however, Dominica, in common with the other individual members of this group, again issued its own stamps and these are now in concurrent use with the set inscribed "Leeward Islands".

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Santo Domingo, now more generally known as the Dominican Republic, was formerly the Spanish portion of the island of Hayti. It is the oldest settlement of European origin in the American continent, having been founded in 1494, by Bartolomeo Columbus, a brother of the more famous Christopher Columbus, who had discovered the island two years previously and named it Hispaniola. The total area of the Republic is 20,596 square miles, and its population, mostly mulattoes, numbers about half a million. The chief town and port, Santo Domingo, is perhaps the most perfect specimen of a 16th century Spanish town in America. In the old Cathedral are buried many of the notable characters of early American history, including members of the family of Christopher Columbus. The government is more moderate and enlightened than that obtaining in the neighboring negro republic of Hayti. Postage stamps for the use of this republic were first issued in 1865.

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Making up a catalog like this may seem a good sized job, but in specifying color and value I abbreviate as per example—b, r, br, bk, bh, b-BH, ct. being blue, red, brown, black, bluish, blue on bluish, cent or centavo, respectively. Once made up, it is an easy matter to keep it up to date.

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[NOTE.—Through an oversight, the publication of this communication was delayed.]

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The next regular meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday evening, December 18, at 7.45 P. M. The younger collectors of Boston and vicinity are invited to attend.

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Those who wish to dine informally can find company at the club-room at 6 o'clock. The intention is to go to the Joy Yong restaurant, 21-23 Harrison Ave., for the dinner.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of both members and their young friends at this, our "Christmas" meeting.

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A WORD FROM HALIFAX.

Just one letter has reached us from Halifax, the stricken city, as we go to press. It is from Donald A. King and it is brief:

"Family and I are safe and that's about all.—KING." We have numereous subscribers in the city and await further tidings with deep concern.

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

—We have received the report of Director Ralph of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917. It contains a mass of statistics in regard to the number of stamps issued in the various classes, and a copy of the report can no doubt be obtained upon application. We do not think it advisable to take the space necessary to publish the figures in detail.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from Arthur W. Line, A. H. Gleason, Herman W. Boers.

—Ashley C. LeDuc, Danvers, Mass., would like to hear from collectors who have had dealings with Frank Fayers, 1635 Victoria St., Regina, Can. He answers no letters.

—H. S.—The dealer most likely to supply you with the stamps you want is the Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Canada.

—We are indebted to our subscribers for the numerous clippings that are sent us from time to time. Many of these clippings are only indirectly associated with stamp collecting and we do not use them. We sincerely trust that our subscribers will not feel offended at any apparent remissness upon our part, but take it for granted that we do our best with the limited space at our command.

—The Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Canada, would like to hear from other dealers who have been unable to obtain replies to letters from the following:—Hugo P. Thieme, Ann Arbor, Mich.; John J. Twaddle, Amherst, N. S.; Theo. Kaupp, Nevada, Mo.; and Thomas Andrews, Bergenfield, N. J.

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—The stricter rules of the United States Post Office Department are not always lived up to punctiliously by employees of the smaller and more remote post offices. Thus when a window clerk in a western city was instructed by his superior to write and hang a notice concerning a certain war advance, this is what he produced: "Don't kick on Postage! Better pay a Little More than have the Kaiser's Picture on Your Stamp!"—*Chr. Science Monitor.*

—Bill Bloss has enlisted in the signal corps of the U. S. regular army and is leaving for "somewhere" on December 10, 1917.

—A stamp society has been formed at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. The club is called the Colgate Philatelic Society. It consists of five members, but it is expected that others in Colgate, of a philatelic turn of mind will join the society, and thus make it a feature of the University. The club is formed along the usual lines of such an organization.—LLOYD M. COE, Sec.-Treas.

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Class—We have just had the pleasure of examining a strip of ten of the five cent, 1847 issue, United States, with the sheet margins at either side. The full row of ten stamps extends well across the top of an envelope, legal size, that was sent from New York City, June 5, 1851, to the Clerk of Circuit Court for Lake County, Waukegan, Ill., and on the reverse of the envelope is the notation: "Depositions from Henry E. Brown and Joseph W. Canf taken and sealed up by me. John Livingston, Com." A green seal of the commissioner is officially attached. Across the face of the envelope is the notice: "Filed June 9, 1851, and opened by leave of court. A. B. Coty, Clerk." The cancellation is the red gridiron of New York City which was almost smeared across the wide expanse of ten stamps. It is needless to say that a cover with a horizontal strip of ten of these popular stamps is an imposing spectacle and we should not hesitate to call it unique. The cover was not a recent find exactly; it was held for many years by a collector who disposed of it to the present owner, who we assume, is acting as the agent for one of the big collectors of United States stamps.

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Continued—What has become of the old-fashioned collector who with his boy chum, bummed from school in order to go down town to spend a few cents at the stamp dealer's? Is this o. f. c. trying to borrow the New York *Ledger* from the old-fashioned dealer who sternly demanded that certain suspected youths take off their pulse-warmers or wristlets when buying stamps, so that they could not slip a purloined specimen or two up the convenient coverings.

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Huron—A cover to reach our hands shows that its letter was written on Lake Huron, June 16, 1856; it was addressed to Washington City, D. C., and bears the three cent, 1851. Impressed across the upper part of the envelope, the end of the inscription just touching the stamp, are the words: "Canada 10 Cts." At the left is the postmark, "Toronto, Jun. 17, C. W." The letter was really posted at Toronto, where the ten cent rate to the U. S. was in force and either ten or seven cents were collected under some exchange agreement between the U. S. and Canada or some other method employed to adjust the postage charge.

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Reflections—Some time ago, Mr. C. W. Henrici, Eureka, California, called our attention to recent references to philately in the periodical press in particular; and we summarize his findings as it is interesting to learn of the different conceptions of philately in the minds of the outsiders. We have become callous to censorious comment or slighting allusions and now we receive fulminations against our pursuit with a feeling of pity for the dulled perceptions of the authors of the libels. After calling attention to the enterprise of the press agent of Beerbohm Tree, in revamping one of the standard wheezes of philately and beguiling the editor of a newspaper into printing it, Mr. Henrici says: "There was a rather unappreciative mention of philately in a recent 'Bulletin of Pharmacy', a druggists' magazine, which is running a series of articles by druggists, telling how they induced their sons to remain in the drug business. The narrator in question said that he had a sympathetic interest in his son's aims and ambitions, to good effect. He says: 'When he reached the collecting age and took up postage stamps . . . . . I did not treat his fad with ridicule, but sympathized with him and gradually led his boyish tastes into the collecting of colored pictures of the birds, animals and plants employed in pharmacy.' This indeed is a naive confession of a heartless perversion. Postage stamps have invaded the movies and an anachronism was noticed in their treatment in the films. Perhaps you read "The Girl Philippa," by Chambers. It will be recalled that the story takes place in France in 1914, during the German invasion. When Philippa opens her guardian's safe to try to discover how she came to be in his care, she takes out (in the picturization) bundles of letters, relating to her history, all legal size and bearing two cent U. S. envelope stamps of the issue of 1907! Had the picture been taken a bit later, the present issue of envelopes would have been used. The stage director was too up to date.

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Yesterday—The curtain of the past has been pushed aside by an act of Mr. W. F. Goerner, Arlington, Rhode Island, who graciously sends us with his compliments the constitution and by-laws of the Chicago Philatelic Society, published in 1889, just after we had joined the organization, by-the-way, and our first philatelic appointment is recorded on the back page of the book, where we are listed as a member of the Exhibition Committee. The officers and executive committee of the Chicago Philatelic Society, year of 1889, were: President, A. L. Holman; Vice-President, Geo. Nelson; Secretary, P. M. Wolseiffer; Treasurer, L. A. Haskell; Librarian, W. F. Jillson, Executive Committee, C. R. Gadsden, W. C. Kurzweg and Jas. R. Chapman. We remember these eight men well and they represented to our sixteen years all that was worthy of emulation in philately. They were men of standing and true philatelists and it may be pardonable to view them down the vista of nearly thirty years. Mr. Holman was one of the greatest students of stamps that we have ever known. His Sydney Views and United States match and medicine stamps were superb. Now, Mr. Holman is somewhat along in years and has a latent interest in philately only. We saw him last in 1911 at the American Philtelic Society exhibit at the Art Institute. Mr. Nelson died within the year or so on the links while playing golf. He was one of the oldest employees of Marshall Field & Co., where his position was a responsible one. Mr. Wolseiffer, whom we all know, started in the stamp business several years after this time; in 1889, he was a factor in Chicago's musical business. Mr. Haskell is one of Chicago's big insurance men and Mr. Jillson was drowned many years ago in one of the West Indies where he was the agent of a phonograph company. Mr. Gadsden, once librarian of the American Philatelic Society, is proprietor of a prosperous insurance agency, but has forsworn stamps, he says. Mr. Kurzweg, one of the keenest students of entire United States envelopes, died about 1900, and Mr. Chapman has just resigned as a director of the Chicago Continental and Commercial National Bank after a tenure of a great many years, to remove to California. We should say that philately must amount to something because so many philatelists do.

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Kiddish—A reader fondly whispers: "If it isn't camouflage when a boy dealer who is known to be almost sixteen years old and who has invested at least five dollars in stock, has some elaborate letter-heads printed with stamp pictures on them and among other addresses, his *cable* address, what is it?" We suppose that it is nerve. At that, we have seen some big dealers grow from mighty small acorns, right under our eyes; we should never have selected them as "future greats."

A. S. D. A. CONVENTION.

The annual Convention of the American Stamp Dealers' Association was held December 4 at the Venetian Room, Park Place Restaurant, New York. The results of the election of officers was announced as follows: President, Eugene Klein; Vice-President, J. M. Bartels; Treasurer, B. W. H. Poole; Secretary, J. E. Guest, 320 McKnight Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Directors, W. P. Colman, Fred S. Martin, F. S. Parmelee, Frank J. Pope and C. F. Richards; Trustees, H. W. Doscher, A. L. Stern and C. S. Thompson; Sales Manager, Maitland Milliken; Auction Manager, M. Ohlman; Librarian, Mrs. L. W. Kellogg; Attorney, H. A. Whipple. The Secretary reported ninety members and three applications.

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UNITED STATES.—(1405)—Mr. W. O. Thiede writes as follows: "I have another variety of the 3c on amber size 13 in which the lettering is as die F on the 2c, but the 3's incline forward. I also have size 13 white of die A of which I reported size 5."

(1404)—A new patriotic cancellation was placed in use in Washington, D. C., on December 3rd, and we are gratefully indebted to Mr. C. H. McBride and Mr. Israel Prager for sending us a sample together with information relating thereto. The obliterator contains "food will win the war don't waste it" in four lines at the left. with the usual cancelling bars at the right end. A clipping from a Washington newspaper tells us that the cancellations will be used at New York, Boston, San Francisco, Chicago and St. Louis, and "The food plea cancellation, giving one of the most forceful of the food administration's slogans, probably will be continued in use until the next liberty loan." Why not have a cancellation advertising the War Savings Certificates as used in Canada?

(1406)—Mr. C. H. McBride submits one of the new Documentary Revenues and states that he applied at the Washington Post Office for Parcel Post Revenues and was sold the Documentaries. Further values have been seen, which we add to last week's list:

Documentary Revenues.

5c rose.
10c rose.
50c rose.

(1400-1404)—Mr. E. D. Shove writes as follows: "Noting reports in regard to the envelope stamps, wish to say that I have: a 2c white, size 8, wmk. 18, old knife, with a 4c black over the 2c red, both perfect impressions, the 4c overlapping the 2c about one-half at the right." We are certainly pleased to record these interesting and probably unique freaks, as we have now recorded three varieties of envelopes on which there were two different denominations of stamps on each, one stamp partly overlapping the other.

(1384)—*Scott's Circular* chronicles the 3c postage due perforated 11, of course, on unwatermarked paper. Our contemporary gives the color as deep claret, but we cannot deviate from our earlier statement regarding the colors of the postage dues, so we have to call it carmine.

Postage Due.

3c carmine.

The Collectors' Journal (U. S.) publishes the following: "On plate No. 5389, 2c Hudson Fulton, the bottom marginal strips show the remains of a misplaced plate number. At first the plate number was placed below the center of a stamp, and this was changed so that the position of the number is beneath two stamps", or below the space between two stamps, we add for clearness.

The same publication calls attention to a 2c Hudson Fulton with a line in the clouds about 10 mm. long, stating that it is either a scratch on the plate or a crack in it. Also to a triple transfer of the 2c Hudson Fulton, which shows very plainly, in a shift toward the lower left and another towards the top.

Mr. John W. Grim shows us a most extraordinary "plate number" consisting of *two* different plate numbers on the same sheet at the top of the upper right pane (of 100) from plate No. 6065. This is the first time we have seen such an example of printing from the U. S. plates and we had to think pretty hard before we could account for the variation. The plate numbers of the plate (6065) are both normal on the sheet we have seen, while below the top number, and extending half way across the numerals into the top of the stamp below the normal plate number, there is an additional plate number, 6059. Mr. Grim submitting the sheet writes: "I am unable to explain or understand this double (?) plate number." It would be interesting to make a puzzle out of the matter and see what guesses as to how such a thing occurred would be presented, wouldn't it? Before you read further, make a guess—then read.

The extra plate number is not an offset, as it is just as strongly impressed as the normal number, and the top of the stamp below falls half way across the numerals. One would think that the sheet had probably been printed twice, but why wouldn't it show part of the stamp below 6059 as well as the stamp below 6065? It *was* printed twice; at least that is how we account for it. The only explanation that we are able to give is: Two sheets, one extending beyond the other, must have been laid on the plate, the upper sheet being imprinted with the plate number and the other sheet getting the impression of the stamps without the plate number, the upper sheet then being laid on another plate (four plates are in the same press at once, you know) received a proper impression of stamps and plate number, and thus it would have two plate numbers. There may be another way to account for this curio, but our guessing abilities are non-plussed.

ABYSSINIA.—(1398)—*Champion's Bulletin* chronicles the 2g of 1909, Scott's No. 90, overprinted with three line commemorative overprint, Scott's variety *"i"*, in black. We failed to state that the overprint on the stamp of the same value listed in our August 25th issue was in red; this latter only has four characters in the top line as illustrated by Scott's type *"i"*. Our French contemporary also gives the quantities issued, as noted by their correspondent at Addis-Abeba. We give the list herewith, using Scott's numbers: 101,—14,000; 102,—20,000; 104,—12,000; 105,—6,000; 106,—4,000; 107,—3,000; 108,—864,000; 109,—440,000; 110,—150,000; 111,—2,250; 112,—308,000; 113,—175,000; 114,—130,000; 115,—20,000; 116,—20,000; 117,—20,000; 118,—20,000; and the one we chronicle below, 300,000.

Adhesive.

2g blue, black overprint.

ALBANIA.—(1372-1386)—*Stamp Collecting* chronicles on the authority of a French contemporary three further values of the Northern Epirus issues surcharged with an Albanian eagle and new value. One of these provisionals was chronicled by us back in April, the 25c on 3 lepta, to which we now add 10c on 2 lepta, 25c on 25 lepta and 25c on 50 lepta, Scott's types A29 and A30 with the 1915 overprint for Northern Epirus.

The list of these is therefore as follows:

Provisional Adhesives.

10c on 2l red (No. 1050).
25c on 3l orange (No. 1052).
25c on 25l blue (No. 1056).
25c on 50l dark blue (No. 1059).

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(1399)—With reference to Scott's Nos. 205 and 206, about which we published a reprint from the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* in our issue of October 20th, we note the following in the November *Scott Circular:* "Like the P. J. G. B. we chronicled this stamp, also the 24c, on statements in other journals, and added the stamps to our catalogue. On the strength of our contemporary's discovery we shall delete the stamps from the catalogue." The stamps were described as "watermarked arrow heads" which were supposed to appear in each corner, but it has been proven that the "arrow heads" were the rays of the Sun Wmk.

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1902	No. 87 4p brown and scarlet...	.35
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1906, 25h blue	37	.04
1906, 30h green	38	.03
1906, 35h green	39	.04
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BARBADOS. — (1404) — The following culled from the *Collectors' Journal* is interesting to those who are interested in the new War Tax stamp which we chronicled on November 24th:

"On and from Monday, the 15th of October, 1917, all letters posted for places abroad to which the rate of one penny per ounce applies, shall be subject to an additional rate of one penny per letter, which must be paid by means of a special War Tax stamp affixed to the letter, besides the usual postage stamp.

"Any such letter which is posted without the additional War Tax stamp thereon, will be taxed the amount of the unpaid duty.

"War Tax stamps cannot be used to pay the postage on correspondence, *and letters will be taxed if posted without the usual postage stamp,* even should there be two or more War Tax stamps affixed thereon.

"W. H. BAILEY, Colonial Postmaster,
General Post Office, 3rd October, 1917."

BOLIVIA. — (1402) — *The Collectors' Journal* (U. S.) has information from a correspondent that the new 5c stamp was issued on September 28th. We chronicled the stamp in our issue of November 10th.

Mr. Morgan W. Taylor sends us copies of a new 2-centavo stamp, which, according to his correspondent, was issued on November 8th at La Paz, and we thank Mr. Taylor for his courtesy.

The new stamp is bi-colored, having a carmine frame and the center vignette in black. The center contains a picture of Lake Titicaca, upon which a native sailing canoe guided by a native is under full sail, and in the distance, across the lake, is a snow clad mountain—the first impression the picture makes upon one is that it represents a scene at the North Pole instead of an Equatorial view. Under the vignette, as part of the frame, is the name of the lake and "Dos Centavos" under this; across the top in a curved line is "Correos de Bolivia," and numerals of value appear in all four corners, those at the top being smaller than those at the bottom.

Mr. Taylor also shows us Scott's No. 111 in a pair, imperf. vertically between, and states that his correspondent only knows of one sheet of the error, which, probably, means only ten pairs.

White wove paper, perf. 11½.

Adhesives.

½c brown.
a. pair imperf. between.
2c carmine and black.

CANADA.—(1405)—Mrs. E. W. Oughtred advises us that she has secured the Confederation stamps with plate Nos. A9 and A10, lower left panes.

(1388)—We are indebted to Mrs. E. W. Oughtred for a copy of the Commemoration Post Card with bi-lingual instructions and with the "Jubilee" data also in two languages. The card is like the one described in the issue of August 4th, but has the information thereon in French as well as in English.

Commemorative Postal Card.
2c rose and black on cream, bi-lingual.

(1405)—Mr. A. V. Richardson writes as follows: "I was very interested in the paragraph in No. 1403, concerning the retouch of the King George 3c brown (1Tc). On reference to my collection and duplicates, I find I have the *retouched* die used early in September, 1916, and the *old* die in a block of four which I purchased at the P. O. here in November, 1916. The first printings received here were retouched. I also have the 3c *red* (perf. 12) in the *retouched* die, used at Saskatoon, October 7th, 1916."

FRANCE. — (1400) — Mr. Franz Reichenheim informs the *London Philatelist* that the 15c+10c and 25c+15c Charity Stamps were issued respectively on August 13th and September 7th.

Two new values of the Charity stamps have been issued and are chronicled in *Stamp Collecting,* the 2c+3c shows a somewhat sombre representation of a widow carrying an infant, and the 35c+25c showing the grave of a dead hero, with the tricolor flying at its head, states our contemporary, and the backgrounds of both views are appropriately funereal, and the higher value (oblong in *format*) has branches of laurel in the upper spandrels and the words "Honeur" and "Patrie" in the respective upper corners.

Charity Stamps.
2c+3c claret.
35c+25c lavender and gray.

FRENCH MOROCCO.—(1400)—It seems that the colors of the new picture series are not quite the same as given in our Chronicle of October 20th, quoted from a contemporary, but as the Standard Catalogue publishers in their *Circular* have established the colors as they will be known to American philately, we will only give the radical differences, and not add our own judgment until we see a set, when we will, if deemed necessary, give a list of the colors as we see them. Referring to the list in the issue of October 20th and the *Circular* list, we find the 3c is brown-orange instead of brick, and the 2fr is black-brown instead of ochre.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(1400)—*Stamp Collecting* publishes the following: ". . . we have a new penny die, for drawing attention to which we are indebted to Messrs. Watson & Butters. The main differences are in the shading on the forehead and base of the neck. In the new die, the unshaded portions of the forehead and base of the neck are considerably wider, giving a much brighter effect to the portrait. In addition, the spandrels are more heavily shaded, almost closing up the lined background and deeper color, thus adding contrast to the light and shade."

We have seen these new die 1d also the ½d mentioned in our issue for October 27th, but they do not seem to be coming on much of the mail from England, as we have had hundreds of the ½d stamp since September, but only one single copy of the new die. We would be pleased to learn from our English contemporaries whether *all* the latest plates show the differences referred to, thus establishing the fact that a new die is in use generally and not only for a plate or two which are now obsolete.

(Offices in Morocco)—The postage to England is now 1d instead of 10 centimos and to meet the alteration a supply of the current 1d King George of Great Britain has been overprinted "Morocco Agencies" in two lines across the top of the stamp and have been issued, according to *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.*

GREECE. — (1404) — *Scott's Circular* chronicles some of the War Tax stamps, but the only one that we find we have not mentioned in this department, is the 50l on 90l blue fiscal stamp. Fiscal stamp of 1914 surcharged "K.P. Lepton" and value:

War Tax Stamp.
50l on 90l blue.

GUATEMALA.—(1401)—Continuing the discussion regarding the "Dos Centavos" surcharge, chronicled in our issue of August 18th, Mr. Edwin W. Fuss, who, by-the-way, has been called to the National Army, submits copies of the stamp in question, used on original covers. It seems that they are used for paying the postage on cards, circulars and other printed matter, whether enclosed in envelopes unsealed, or unenclosed, the 2c being the "local" rate on printed matter as set forth in the "Nueva Tarifa Postal" issued on April 15th, 1916, and published in the "Guia Oficial de la America Central" published in February, 1917, a copy of which has been shown us by Mr. Fuss.

The *Scott Circular* for November chronicles the stamp, but states that they are not certain of the inverts they have seen, so omit that variety for the present.

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In the lot, the 2 pesos is the only one which we have not noted the color change. The frame is now red-orange instead of the bright orange-red, while the center is full black instead of bluish-black.

Adhesive.

2p red-orange and lamp-black.

HEDJAZ.—(1399)—We regret that we failed to give the measurements of the perforations and roulettes in the list of the stamps of this country given in our issue of October 20th. The 10 and 20 pa come perforated 12 and the 1pi perforated 10; the 5, 10, 20 pa and 1pi come rouletted 20; the 1pa, 20pa, and 2pi come with zigzag (serrate) roulette 14 if you count the number of cuts, or 13 if you count the number of indentations after the stamps are torn apart, while the Postage Dues are zigzag roulette like the latter.

We draw attention to these variations because we note in *Stamp Collecting* for June 16th, the 20pa and 1pi perf. 12½ and in the same contemporary for November 10th, the 1pi perf. 13. We would be pleased to examine any copies about which our readers are in doubt, or would be pleased to have further authoritative information about the subject.

ICELAND.—*Scott's Circular* chronicles two new values with watermark of multiple crosses. These stamps are of the bi-portrait type of 1907-08, and the 5a was issued in 1915 along with the Jan Sigurdsson type 3a with multiple cross wmk. The stamps are perforated 12½ and to keep the list in order we give:

Adhesives.

1e yellow-green and red.
4a gray and carmine.
5a green.

INDIA.—*(Cochin)*—(1384) — *Scott's Circular* lists the 4p stamp with new rajah's head without overprint as noted in our Chronicle for July 7th last, at which time it had only appeared overprinted for official use.

Adhesive.

4p green.

(Charkari)—The London Philatelist quotes the *Philatelic Journal of India* as follows:—"This Indian State, apparently owing to the stress of the times, has been compelled to issue a locally made quarter anna or one pice stamp in violet color. The design is very similar to the lithographed issue of 1910, and it seems to be an impression, from the heaviness of the ink, from a rubber stamp. It is said the stamps are not sold to the public."

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"In extension of our brief chronicle of last week of the new and unannounced Baghdad provisionals, we now append a list of the values already received or reported. The majority of these belong to the stock which had already been surcharged (by the Turks, of course) with the Red Crescent in aid of some Ottoman War Fund. Messrs. Lewis May & Co., who have shown us an example of the 2 annas on 1 piastre of 1901, inform us that the number overprinted was very limited and that only one set was sold to each officer applying for copies, the purchaser having to sign for same."

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½a on 10pa (1905), gray-green.
½a on 10pa (1913), green.
1a on 20pa (1913), rose.
1a on 20pa (1892), pale claret.
2a on 1pi (1901), blue.
2a on 1pi (pictorial issue of 1913), blue.
½a, red, on fiscal stamp.

PERSIA.—The following information has been supplied to *The London Philatelist* by Lieut.-Col. G. S. F. Napier:

1915. *Issues of* 1909, *overprinted* 1333.

Values so overprinted were 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10 shahis, 1, 2 krans. The krans does *not* exist overprinted 1333. Probably a copy overprinted 1334 was mistaken for it.

1916. *Issue of* 1909, *overprinted* 1334.

1, 10, 20 and 30 krans.

February, 1917.

Local provisional issue at Hamadan on evacuation by the Turks.

1 kran of current type overprinted 12 and 34 shahis.

In use February to end of April. I believe that no more than 1000 of the 12 or 200 of the 24 shahis were issued.

June 21st, 1917.

1 shahi of 1909, overprinted 1335 (5000, all remaining on hand, overprinted).

9 shahis of 1909, overprinted 1 shahi 1335 (45,000, all remaining on hand, overprinted).

9 shahis of 1909, overprinted 3 shahis 1335 (45,000, all remaining on hand, overprinted).

August, 1917.

13 shahis of 1909, overprinted 5 shahis (60,000. Die used for 5 shahis on 1 kran in 1915 to be used).

10 shahis of 1909, overprinted 1 shahi (65,000 of each. Same die as used for overprints of July, 1917).

10 shahis of 1909, overprinted 3 shahis (65,000 of each. Same die as used for overprints of July, 1917).

N. B.—I have not yet seen the last three. The Director of Posts tells me he has issued the order for them.

PORTUGAL.—(1383)—*Champion's Bulletin* lists the Red Cross stamp, Scott's No. 403, with overprint inverted.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—*Scott's Circular* chronicles a number of new items with the local surcharge "REPUBLICA" in red, which it lists as being issued in 1913-17.

On Issue of 1898-1903.

297a A17 1½r slate.

On Provisional Issue of 1902.

308b A15 1r on 2t blue.
310d A16 2½r on 9r gray-violet.

On Issue of 1912-13.

316c A17 (a) 1½r on 2½r yellow-brown.
326 A15 (a) 2r on 2½r on 6r green.

SALVADOR.—(1405)—We have the following as part of a letter from the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co.: "We are perfectly convinced that the Salvador 'S' issue was intended to be used and for the reason stated, was withdrawn and the surcharge substituted by '1915'. We were, however, under the impression that these stamps were in use in 1916 instead of 1915, however, the postmaster states in his letter that they were used in August, 1915."

The letter refers to the letter from the Postmaster General of Salvador, kindly supplied by the C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., and published by us with their permission in the Chronicle of December 1st. The postage stamps with the "S" overprint were distributed by the U. P. U. in *October, 1916,* and were chronicled in *Scott's Circular* in November of the same year. The letter of the Postmaster General of Salvador clearly states that the stamps were only in use for a few days from *August 25, 1915,* the corresponding sets having been sent out for distribution by the U. P. U.; that owing to a possible imitation of the letter "S", the stamps were withdrawn and the surcharge substituted by "1915".

It seems a little out of the ordinary for stamps issued for a few days in 1915 to be circulated by the U. P. U. over a year afterward, in 1916, but this was probably on account of delays occasioned by the war and would be excusable under the circumstances. It would be interesting to know, however, under what date the Postmaster General of Salvador sent the stamps to Berne to be distributed, and when the International Bureau of the U. P. U. received them, as fourteen months is a long time and, as we say above, it seems a little out of the ordinary for stamps issued on August 25, 1915, to be circulated by the U. P. U. on October 16, 1916, fourteen months all but a few days from the time the stamps were, as it is claimed, in actual use.

The Postmaster General's letter also discloses the fact that the "S" stamps were sold at auction on May 29, 1916, to the lot of which were added 589,250 specimens including imperforates and also 23,100 of the "1915" overprints which were errors in the engraving and printing!

We have accorded full honors to the regular postage stamps with "S" overprint, and the collector will, of course, have to have the set to be complete according to the Catalogue, which, by the way, lists them as of 1916, but there is one sure thing, you won't have to collect the imperfs., nor the "errors" of the "1915" overprint series, unless you have a hankering for such things.

SENEGAL.—Mr. Edwin W. Fuss shows us the red-cross stamp, Scott's No. 151, with the center bar of the "F" in "AFRIQUE" missing. This variety must also occur on the ordinary 10c, No. 83.

SIAM.—(1389)—The *Scott Circular* publishes the following: "We have seen copies of the 1, 2 and 3 bahts of the new series now being printed in London. As in the case of the lower values, the design and colors have been reproduced remarkably well, but careful examination shows points by which the two printings may be distinguished. The Vienna stamps are 37½ to 38 mm. high, while the London stamps measure 39 mm. In the latter, the king's features are more distinct, especially the mouth, eyelids and eyebrows. The details of the uniform and the medals and orders are more clearly brought out. There are many small differences in the letters of 'Siam', the crown, the ornamental border, etc."

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO.—We note that we have not mentioned the ½d Official stamp since last May (May 12th issue). So far there have been four types of the overprint "OFFICIAL" since 1913, and *Scott's Circular* now lists a new type overprint. The original issue was in small Gothic type; the second in 1914, was of tall Roman capitals fairly well spaced; the third in 1916, was of condensed Roman capitals with a period after the word; the fourth was like the third, but without the period, 1917; and lastly (not finally, we feel sure) the overprint has appeared in tall condensed Gothic (sans-serif), also without period:

Official Stamp.

½d green.

URUGUAY.—According to *Champion's Bulletin,* the Post Office Department has decided to issue a commemorative series of postage stamps upon the occasion of the transfer of the mortal remains of the celebrated Uruguayan publicist, Jose Henrique Rodo, who died recently in Italy. The series is to consist of four values, 2, 4, 5 and 8 centesimos, and 200,000 of each are to be issued. The information appeared in the September 25th edition of our French contemporary, but we neglected to mention it before this. We have not as yet seen the series and cannot say whether they have been issued. Even if such an occasion be sufficient to Uruguay to produce a commemorative issue, we do not think any collector will object, if the quantity to be produced is as stated, because almost an entire year has passed since we have had any philatelic news from our South American sister republic, not a single mention of the country having been in these columns during 1917.

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7	1d lilac	$1.25
8	2d blue	1.25
9	3d red brown	5.00
10	4d rose	7.50
11	6d green	2.00
12	1s orange	20.00

1882 C. A.

13	1d lilac	$1.00
14	2d blue	5.00
15	3d orange brown	1.65
16	4d rose	5.00
17	1s orange	.50

1885-6.

18	½d	$ .06
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27a	2½d blue	.18
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29	4d lilac and black	.15
30	6d lilac and red violet	.50
31	1s green and black	.45
32	2s 6d green and carmine	1.00
33	5s green and ultramarine	1.75
34	10s green and brown	3.75

1892.

35	½d on 4d lilac and black	$ .60
35a	½d double surcharge	3.00

1894.

36	5d lilac and green	$ .18
37	7½d lilac and carmine	.30
38	10d lilac and yellow	.30

1902.

39	6d lilac and carmine	1.40

1903, King Edward, Single C. A.

40	½d green	.30
41	1d violet and black on red	.18
42	2d violet and ultramarine	.65
43	2½d violet and ultramarine on blue	.18
44	3d violet and orange brown	.36
45	6d violet and red violet	2.75
46	1s green and black	4.00
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51	1d violet and black on red	.08
52	2d violet and ultramarine	.25
53	2½d violet and ultramarine on blue	.18
54	3d violet and orange brown	.25
55	6d violet and red violet	.40
56	1s green and black	1.20
57	2s 6d green and carmine	2.40
58	5s green and ultramarine	2.80
59	10s green and brown	4.50

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1894, Officials.

201	½d green	$2.25
202	1d rose	2.25
203	2½d ultramarine	2.50
204	4d gray	3.00
205	6d olive brown	3.75
206	1s orange brown	4.25
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1888.

1	½d vermilion	$ .06
2	1d violet	.20
3	2d green and carmine	.25
4	3d violet on yellow	.90
5	4d green and brown	.60
6	6d violet on rose	2.00

1888-90.

7	½d green	$ .65
7a	½d with period	.75
7b	½d double overprint	10.00
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1890-2.

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12	1s green	2.50
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14	½d lilac and green	$ .12
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16	2½d lilac and blue	.25
17	3d lilac and brown	.30
18	6d lilac and black	.45
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CHAPTER XLII.

1898, Dollar Documentaries.

The issue of $1 stamps in the latter part of 1900, was:—

May	655,600	September	168,320
June	237,440	October	656,000
July	384,000	November	128,256
August	114,816	December	385,280

The total from June to October inclusive, is 1,560,576, which may approximate the number of $1 red issued. The quantity sold to the public may well have been considerably less. If MEKEEL'S Washington correspondent did did not state so definitely in the WEEKLY of November 29, 1900, that the first shipment of the gray stamps, including all values from $1 to $50, was made on November 13, the present writer would be apt to assign October as the more probable month of first issue of the $1 gray. Used copies of the $1 gray were offered as early as December 1, 1900, that is, barely two weeks after they were first delivered by the Bureau, and nearly two months before the first advertised offering of the $3 lake, which the writer has noted.

The $1, $3, $5, $10. $50 and a $2 stamp in the same design were printed in dull olive gray in October, 1900. The designs do not differ from the previous issues, except that each stamp is overprinted with a large outline numeral corresponding to the denomination. The "1", "2", "3" and "5" are 20 mm. high and the "10" and "50" are 12 mm. high. The numeral is printed in a soluble black and the gray ink is also far from being a permanent color. It was believed and hoped no chemical treatment which would remove a cancellation, could fail also to remove the overprint, or to disfigure the stamp and thereby make re-use without detection impossible.

Nevertheless, three months had hardly elapsed before the newspapers and philatelic press contained reports of extensive stamp washing and again the Bureau set to work to overcome the difficulty. In June, 1901, it was reported that the Bureau was experimenting with glycerine in the ink for the overprint on the dollar value documentaries and the experiments apparently continued for several months, as not until January, 1902, were the green stamps with overprint reported on sale.

Again the design remained unchanged, but as the $3 denomination had been discontinued June 30, 1901, there are only five stamps of this set—$1, $2, $5, $10, $50. The color selected was a blue-green. Each sheet required three impressions. First—the green ink of the stamp itself. Second—a colorless overprint about 14 mm. square in the center of each stamp. Third—a large black numeral on each stamp, corresponding to the denomination, part of which numeral always falls on the colorless overprint. The overprinted numerals measure 24 mm. tall on the $1, $2 and $5, and 19½ mm. tall on the $10 and $50, and instead of being in simple outline, are filled in with a net work pattern. These stamps were in use barely six months and seem not to have been successfully washed. They turn blue readily and even careful soaking in pure cold water is liable to remove part of the overprint numeral.

The printing of the documentaries ceased about May 10th, 1902, and the stamp taxes were abolished the June 30th, following. It is rather curious to note that the only contemporary mention of the $50 green and black in MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, is in the issue of June 21, 1902. A used copy was shown, thereby establishing proof that this denomination in green really had been issued! Even today, when fifteen years have elapsed, and dealers have had opportunities to obtain specimens, the stamp is only occasionally seen.

CHAPTER XLIII.

Quantities Issued.

The numbers of the overprinted gray stamps and green stamps that were issued can be estimated with a fair degree of accuracy by assuming the total of monthly issues from November, 1900, to December, 1901, inclusive, were all grays and that those issued after De-

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cember 31, 1901, comprised only green stamps. These totals so obtained are:—

Gray		Green
4,139,150	$1	570,240
2,751,104	$2	612,184
211,456	$3	None
297,728	$5	55,424
155,840	$10	19,328
5,758	$50	1,664

It does not seem likely, either, that many overprinted gray stamps were issued after December 31, 1901, or that many — if any — overprinted greeen stamps were issued before that date, but such comparatively small quantities of dollar values, except the $5, were issued in November, 1901, and such large quantities of some dollar denominations were issued in December, 1901, that perhaps part of the December issues should be subtracted from the totals of gray stamps and added to the totals of those printed in green. The quantities issued in December, 1901, were:—

$1	165,248	$10	11,008
$2	272,640	$50	256
$5	20,480		

The quantities of all the documentaries of the 1898 series issued from June, 1898, to June, 1902, inclusive, including the 1c, 2c and $5 surcharged stamps, were:—

½c	18,704,400	10c	62,866,696
1c	1,173,026,520	25c	29,485,000
2c	942,066,800	40c	2,885,976
3c	11,305,480	50c	20,965,400
4c	20,830,000	80c	2,971,728
5c	41,332,800		

The total ½c to 80c was 2,326,440,800 stamps.

$1	19,964,544	$30	19,456
$2	3,363,968	$50	90,112
$3	1,336,832	$100	17,360
$5	1,316,382	$500	2,600
$10	729,984	$1,000	3,800

The total $1 to $1,000 was 26,845,038 and the total ½c to 80c was 2,326,440,800, making a grand total ½c to $1,000 of 2,353,285,838.

By subtracting the estimated issue of overprinted gray and green dollar values and the estimated $1 red and $3 lake from the total of the respective denominations issued from 1898 to 1902, we may ascertain approximately how many $1, $3, $5, $10 and $50 stamps were issued in the first colors. The figures so obtained are:—

$1 green	13,694,898
$3 brown	1,027,200
$5 orange	945,536
$10 black	594,816
$50 brown	82,688

There were issued from January to May, 1900, inclusive, 2,756,018 one dollar stamps. This number probably includes all the hyphen-perfed $1 green and establishes a maximum for that stamp. The minimum can only be guessed at. From January to July, 1900, inclusive, there were issued 200,832 three dollar stamps. This number probably includes all the hypen-perfed $3 brown and also establishes a maximum. How many hypen-perfs were actually issued cannot be determined from the figures available, but it is obvious regarding both of these stamps that those hypen-perfed were less than one quarter of the total numbers issued.

Of the 40c and 80c stamps more than two thirds were issued before January, 1900, and the proportion of rouletted stamps printed was so great that those hypen-perfed may not have been in use more than six months, if so long. Used copies were difficult to find in 1901.

In the year ending June 30, 1903, the Treasury Department redeemed $1,031,975.26 face value of stamps of the 1898 series and there were returned by collectors of internal revenue $37,522,144.81. The writer does not know what denominations and issues were included, but some were the stamps printed on checks and of the others comparatively few were higher than the $2 denomination. Only 40 of the $500 and 180 of the $1,000 stamp were issued after December 31, 1901.

CHAPTER XLIV.

Proprietary Series of 1898.

The proprietary set consisted of twelve stamps, the same size and design as the cent value documentaries, but with "PROPRIETARY" in place of "DOCUMENTARY" at the bottom of each stamp. All were first delivered in the latter part of June, or the early part of July, 1898, except the 1⅞c and 3¾c, which were not delivered until early in October. The colors were:—

⅛c	yellow green.	1⅞c	dull blue.
¼c	brown, etc.	2c	violet brown.
⅜c	orange.	2½c	lake.
⅝c	blue.	3¾c	olive gray.
1c	green.	4c	purple.
1¼c	deep violet.	5c	br. orange.

With most of these stamps the original colors were maintained throughout the life of the series, but a few of them, particularly the ¼c, vary so widely in tint and hue as almost to merit being classified as distinct colors. There are, perhaps, a dozen marked variations of color in this value. Those showing reddish hues were among the earlier printings and come rouletted only, while those with hypen-perf range through yellow brown and orange brown. The rouletted ¼c occurs in a hue very close to a reddish hue of the 2c proprietary rouletted, and the lightest tint of the ¼c hypen-perf is identical with the hyphen-perfed 80c documentary. Possibly in each case the same ink was employed for both stamps, either intentionally or by error.

The 1¼c stamp also occurs in several variations of shade and hue, but does not extend so far away from what may be considered the normal. Some collectors have thought that this stamp in gray is an error of color, printed with ink intended for the ½c documentary. Violet, however, is so subject to fading and other changes that this contention lacks satisfactory substantiation. The brown-violet hue is a distinct color phase from one of the earlier printings and is found only with the old roulette.

The proprietaries printed after December, 1899, were hypen-perfed, and often can be distinguished from those of the previous rouletted printings by differences in tint. This also holds true of some values of the documentaries, in particular the 2c and 3c, and indicates that slight changes were made in the inks for these revenues at the same time as the change from roulette to hyphen-perf. As a rule the hyphen-perfs are decidedly scarcer than the roulettes—especially the values of which fewest were issued. The primary reason for the relative scarcity of the hyphen-perfs is that on account of the low face value of the set, collectors and dealers bought the stamps unused in quantities during the first year of the tax, but did not purchase again when the hyphen-perfs appeared. Pairs and blocks show the difference between the two modes of separation much more clearly than single copies, but at that time few philatelists collected revenue stamps in pairs or blocks and many collectors did not care to have two sets of singles that looked so much alike.

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"I am instructed to communicate to you the following Resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the Council of our Society held on the 19th instant and which was subsequently sanctioned by the Fellows in general meeting assembled.

"The Council of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, with the sanction of the Fellows in general Meeting assembled, recognizing the magnanimous part played by the United States of America by their entry into the great struggle for the rights of Humanity, send their greetings through the Collectors' Club of New York, to the Philatelists of the United States.

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The Twentieth Century Section "War Issues" was won by Robert P. Levis with an almost complete collection including all the rare German Colonies overprinted. Joseph T. Lozier won second prize.

The election of officers resulted in the unanimous re-election of Theodore E. Steinway, president; Alfred F. Lichtenstein, vice-president; J. W. Scott, treasurer, librarian; Herman Toaspern, secretary. The year book of the club may be obtained from the Secretary at 233 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

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—The Canadian Philatelic Association was organized at a meeting held at Toronto, December 6. The following officers were elected temporarily. Pres., W. R. Brown; 1st Vice-Pres., Frank S. Porter; Sec., L. A. G. Winter, 134 Stibbard Ave., Toronto. It is the aim of the society to get all Canadian Collectors into its ranks.

—Clippings are acknowledged with thanks from E. J. Gregg and A. O. Osborne.

—L. V. Lindsey, Norwich, N. Y., is unable to secure replies to letters sent R. Koons, 3939 Euclid Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; C. W. McKelvey, Water Gap, Pa., and I. G. Wolf, Fremont, Ohio.

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Puzzle—We find some "puzzlement" in the new revenue stamps, which, however, very likely will be explained away by the time this notice is in print, so swiftly does the train of philatelic events travel at times. The distinctive revenue stamps for parcel post packages still elude us and are not on sale anywhere, we understand. They are promised for early delivery and in the meantime, the regular revenue stamps are being used to rate the tax. In looking over the tax schedule covering parcel post packages, we find that parcels requiring twenty-five cents postage are taxed one cent and those requiring 26 to 50 cents are charged two cents extra, and so on. As packages requiring twenty-four cents postage are not taxed, the one cent stamp may be used only on those packages that require twenty-five cents, —no more, no less. This is a rather delicately balanced proposition, we should say. We have seen some of the higher denominations of revenues, five to thirty dollars, and for the life of us, we could not discover any difference between their design and that of the retired stamps of the same values. The "series of 1914" inscription is not blocked out in these denominations as in the one and two dollar.

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Unique—We feel that we are not abusing the term to any extent in saying that a cover, the property of Dr. Harry G. Oakland, Milwaukee, is unique. The envelope originally was the Lynchburg provisional envelope, 5 cents black on amber, but it was employed in February, 1862, as the cover for a letter sent from an office in Virginia, postmark indistinct, to the Hon. Ballard Preston, a member of the Confederate senate. This procedure accounts for one five cent adhesive, first design, in the upper right hand corner, but there is a second specimen of the stamp in the upper middle part of the envelope with the Richmond postmark. We read: "From the endorsation on this letter it is very clear that the same was delivered to Mr. Ballard Preston in Richmond and by him readdressed to his son, Colonel Robert G. Preston of the Confederate army and the letter re-mailed at the Richmond post office. This necessitated new postage as evidenced by the stamp in the center of the envelope, with the Richmond postmark. Mr. Ballard Preston owned several large estates near his home at Blacksburg, Montgomery Co., Virginia." Here we have a Lynchburg provisional envelope used in an emergency, but not provisionally, if one cares for verbal twists. The Lynchburg provisional envelopes are rare birds and a cover used in the manner indicated would accentuate the interest in it, so far as some collectors are concerned. The cover literally is in a class by itself. We forgot to say that the numeral 5 and "Paid" of the provisional envelope are ink-crossed.

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Sails—Our philatelic nautical expert, Mr. R. G. Montgomery, Philadelphia, who won our admiration last year, by correcting with the aid of official data direct from naval headquarters, the generally accepted statement that a United States battleship was pictured on one of the stamps of Uruguay, naturally was much interested in a paragraph in the *Collectors' Journal* telling of a collection of stamps bearing ship portraiture. Mr. Montgomery, before his present business connection was made, was with the Cramp Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia; hence, his penchant for a collection of ships. To him ships are familiar friends, and they reveal their secrets at once before his calculating eye. Mr. Montgomery observes that a recent observation to the effect that the battleship on the 1898 U. S. revenues was perhaps the Maine, is all too halting, as he says: "It is the ill-fated ship beyond a doubt. See the construction of the Maine in a photograph and then compare the engraving with the picture and surmise gives way to fact." He continues: "Ships are easy compared with locomotives. You can discover the names of the ships in different ways and the harbor in which they may be shown is sometimes a clue, but locomotives are beyond me and I broke up my specialized collection of them and placed the stamps in my regular album. There are about one hundred stamps in which the ship forms the principal, or, better, the prominent part of the design. Battleships are rather scarce, the U. S., 1898 revenues, the gunboat Lark of Liberia, the Austrian battleship, the Uruguayan examples and that of the German colonials about complete the list. Commercial ships are well represented; the U. S., 1869, twelve cent, Pan-American and parcel post contributions may be mentioned. The ship shown by Peru is the same as that on the 12 cent of 1869. On the Salvador stamp the man on the ship's bridge is out of all proportion. Native craft of all types interest me."

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Critics—We should not be surprised if some collector would arise from his work in the Baldwin Locomotive works and qualifying as an expert on engine construction, classify the locomotives on postage stamps from first to last. In fact, so extensive is the field of stamp design that there is room for many classes of scrutineers. We remember how impressed we were as a boy to hear a philatelic sage dwell on the inconsistency found in a bee-hive design on a certain postage stamp. The bees or the hive were all wrong. He knew; and paraphrasing David B. Hill, he said: "I am an apiarist."

Memories—What has become of the old-fashioned collector whose mother would not allow him to look at his stamps Saturday morning until he had practiced an hour on the fiddle? Is this o. f. c. cutting out peach-stone baskets in the presence of the old-fashioned dealer who locked the office on a quiet afternoon and played checkers with a crony?

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Short—"I'll be brief, but your camouflage series will not be incomplete without the photograph of the father who runs a stamp business at home under the name of his son (aged eight) so that the folks at the office where he is employed will not catch on."

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Again—Now the Conscientious Objector makes his appearance and he is a protestant against the following prestidigitation in an auction catalogue: "From a current auction catalogue, referring to No. 21, United States: '1862-66, 24c, 78c, a shade almost that of the August issue, but we prefer to call it steel blue, well centered, black cancellation, fine, $12.50.' We wonder if the cataloguer ever saw the August stamp? Or is he only trying to fool himself? None of the August copies that we have ever seen could even suggest the steel blue of the later issue."

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Then—From Mr. Charles Bailey, West Toronto, Canada, we received some time ago, a number of old philatelic prints and among them was a picture of the "first annual convention of the P. S. of A." at Niagara Falls, in August, 1894. John K. Tiffany, the philatelic immortal, was in the picture and there is a sprinkling of other celebrities. J. F. Beard, most popular as a dealer before his death; Alvah Davison, in his prime; L. W. Mott, now Congressman; R. W. Ashcroft, friend and secretary to Mark Twain; H. F. Ketcheson, publisher of the old *Dominion Philatelist;* P. M. Wolseiffer, Fred Michael, Alfred Fritz, L. M. Lang, Fred Fox, Kissinger, Severn, and others.

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DONALD, JOHN M.—An engraver who engraved the dies for the 1895-98 stamps of Mexico.

DON QUIXOTE ISSUE.—A set of stamps issued in Spain in May, 1905, in connection with the Tercentenary celebration of Don Quixote, which was held at that time in Madrid. This immortal novel of the famous Spanish writer, Cervantes, was first published in 1605, and the scenes shown on the commemorative stamps all depict incidents in the life of that imaginary "hero", Don Quixote.

DOUBLE CORNER LETTERS.—A term sometimes met with in connection with early British stamps. The variety is only found in the line-engraved stamps of 1840-41, and occurs most frequently in the 1d. As is well known, these stamps were lettered in the lower angles from AA to TL, each stamp on the sheet having a different combination of letters. These letters did not form a part of the die, but were punched on the plates by hand. Occasionally a wrong letter was inserted and when this occurred the correct letter was punched over it. As this did not always result in the entire obliteration of the wrong letter, the variety known as "double corner letter" resulted. It must be confessed, however, that some of the double letters recognised by enthusiastic specialists are difficult to identify without the assistance of a fairly lively imagination.

DOUBLE EMBOSSING.—This is self explanatory and refers to two impressions of embossed stamps on the same piece of paper. Some of the early Gambia and Portuguese are known twice embossed, one impression being colorless.

DOUBLE IMPRESSION.—A double impression is a stamp having the same design printed twice on the same side of the paper, one impression generally overlapping the other to some extent. The error is not a common one and most doubly printed stamps are scarce.

DOUBLE LINED LETTERS.—A term usually used in descriptions of watermarks to distinguish them from similar ones in which the letters are "single-lined". The Crown A watermarks of the Commonwealth of Australia will serve as instances, some of these having the "A" formed of single and others of double lines.

DOUBLE LINED NUMERALS.—A term descriptive of certain varieties of numeral watermarks in contradistinction to those having single lines.

DOUBLE PAPER.—A patent paper invented by Mr. Charles F. Steel, who is better known as the inventor of the "grille" embossing applied to certain United States stamps between 1867 and 1873. This paper consisted of two layers, a thin surface paper and a thick backing paper. This paper was supposed to be an absolute safeguard against cleaning, for any attempt to remove the cancellation would, it was averred, result in the removal of the top layer of paper on which the design was printed. A number of the stamps of the United States printed by the Continental Bank Note Co., were printed on this paper experimentally, but the plan met with little favor and was abandoned.

DOUBLE PERFORATION.—A term applied to stamps accidentally perforated twice on one or more sides. Sometimes the perforations overlap and produce the effect of a fine roulette and sometimes they are some distance apart.

DOUBLE PRINTING.—(See Double Impression.)

DOUBLE STRIKE.—A double impression of the whole or a portion of the die on the plate. These varieties are caused by the die being applied out of alignment in the first instance and then partially covered and obliterated by another impression in the correct position.

DOUBLE SURCHARGE.—Two surcharges applied to the same stamp.

DOUGLAS CITY DISPATCH.—A local post of the United States established in New York in 1879 and in connection with which special stamps were issued.

DOUGLAS PATENT PAPER.—This was a double paper consisting of a thin surface paper adhering to a thicker and harder paper. The surface paper was punctured by small holes so arranged that eight, in the form of a circle, appeared on each stamp, and part of the printing ink thus passed through the holes and was applied to the backing paper. Any attempt at cleaning was, therefore, certain to result in the tearing and removal of the thin surface paper. Some of the 2c and 3c United States stamps were experimentally printed on this paper in 1882 or 1883, and these were placed on sale at the city post office at Washington. It was ultimately decided not to permanently adopt this paper.

DOWNEY, W. & D.—A well known firm of London photographers who were responsible for the portraits of their Britannic Majesties used on the Rhodesian stamps of 1910.

DPTO. ZELAYA.—An overprint found upon certain Nicaraguan stamps in conjunction with a capital "B". The first word is a contraction for "Departamento" (Department) and the necessity of the overprint has already been described under "B".

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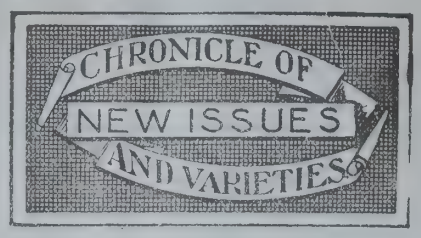
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UNITED STATES.—(1407)—Mr. Edgar Lee Green has shown us the rest of the set of new Documentary stamps up to and including the 80c, so we add the following to our previous chronicles:

Documentary Revenues.

3c rose.	25c rose.
4c rose.	40c rose.
8c rose.	80c rose.

Mr. W. S. F. Pierce shows us a plate variety of the 2c 1908 issue, but plate number is unknown. It would be interesting to know whether the same variety occurred in the lot of re-issued, perforated 11, stamps of this type. The variety consists of two lines of color, crossing the oval surrounding Washington's head, oppposite the first berry on the laurel wreath at the left. Mr. Pierce shows us several blocks showing a single specimen in each block with the variety. We have a faint recollection that this variety was known during the period of use of the stamps of this type.

(1403)—Mr. T. J. Eppes sends us a large number of 3c stamps varying in shade considerably from those mentioned, as submitted by him, in the Chronicle of November 17th. This 3c stamp is likely to produce as many different shade variations as the 2c watermarked perforated 10, whose shades are legion. It is difficult to list them, so we won't attempt it. And the imperforate and coil stamps show as much difference as the ordinary. We have seen, however, a shade that is entirely different than any others so far shown us, consisting of an entire sheet in red-violet, a deep rich color, similar to the 2c Columbian color, but brighter. This has been shown to us by Mr. W. S. F. Pierce.

(1404)—Mr. T. J. Eppes shows us several shades of the new 3c envelope stamps, ranging from dark to light violet, the latter probably being the lighter violet in accordance with the Department's order for a change from dark to lighter violet. We have seen all six dies of the 3c envelope stamps, Mr. Chew showing us Die F.

Mr. Frank Reeder, Jr., writes as follows, under date of December 11th: "I yesterday bought from the post office a sheet of current 3c unwatermarked, unperforated stamps, plate No. 8131. I find in going over them that in the upper right hand pane stamps Nos. 26, 27, and 28 all show downward shifts. No. 26 shows a very clear triple shift. All of these shifts are most apparent at the bottom frame line."

The perforated stamps from the same plate would show the shifts.

Mr. Reeder also writes: "The background in the medallion (on the sheet I have) and on the right hand row of upper and lower panes, shows a very decided vertical striping—striped about 1½ mm. apart. Probably blanket? Would be glad to know if this striping appears in other sheets of the same number. I am trying to get another sheet to compare."

For many years we have noted the striping of some of the U. S. stamps and the cause thereof has been explained in many ways. It is reasonable to suppose that the stripes—either "laid" or "ribbed"—are caused by different circumstances which arise in the manufacture of the stamps, as sometimes the "laid" appearance shows at the back, in the case of the rotary coil stamps, and sometimes as "ribbed" on the face of the stamps, like those explained by Mr. Reeder above. Our readers are referred to our Chronicle of July 7th, 1917, for an explanation of the laid lines showing on the backs of rotary coil stamps, which are probably caused by a press blanket. We venture to suggest a different cause for the appearance of ribbed lines on the face of the stamps from flat plates. Before printing from flat plates the paper is moistened by laying it between wet cloths; if the paper lies between these cloths overtime or is subjected to too heavy a pressure during the moistening process, the condition of the paper in this state of moisture is such that it is very likely to be impressed with the weave of the cloth—either "watermarking" it or ribbing it, and if the paper is printed upon while it is in this condition, that part of the paper which is wettest (in relief) takes more ink from the plate than that part which is not so wet (in recess) which takes less ink, this producing a finished stamp which shows stripes alternately dark and light in the form of a ribbing.

Sometimes these ribs are on the face of the paper with the above result, and sometimes on the back of the paper, in which case the design on the face is not always effected. "Ribbing" has also been accounted for by the "straw boards" between which the stamps are placed after printing and gumming.

The above explanations will also answer queries propounded in a letter we received from Prof. Robert W. Gay, who submits a 3c stamp from a flat plate and points out the ribbed effect at the back.

(1407)—Mr. Benj. Cadbury shows us two different "Food Will Win the War" cancellations from Boston; one is the divided oblong with lines at the right, while the other is a flag formation. We will soon give a list of the Liberty Loan cancellations, supplied in most part by Mr. Geo. W. Bye. It takes, however, some time to write up these lists, and delays occur for the reason that there are enough stamps to keep track of, let alone cancellations. We are, however, trying to serve all branches of the hobby, because what may interest one man doesn't interest the other, and we want to interest all.

BOLIVIA.—(1407)—Last week we chronicled the current ½c in a pair imperf. between. *The Economist Bulletin* mentions imperf. pairs of the 1c, 5c, and 10c, designs of the 1916 issue, and the new 2c carmine and black imperforate. But it does not state whether the 5c is of the old or new design, and we are wondering whether the 1c and 10c are imperforate all around or only pairs imperf. between. Bolivia is probably taking an example from Salvador, believing that if stamps are issued both perforated and imperforate they will double their income from the production, as collectors will surely want them both ways!

Adhesives.

1c green.
a. imperf. pair.
10c orange and blue.
a. imperf. pair.
2c carmine and black.
a. imperforate.

CANADA.—(1407)—The so-called retouched die of the 2c+1Tc is not a "retouch" at all, but an entirely new engraving of the original die, so we are informed by Mr. Wikoff Smith of the American Bank Note Co., the parent firm of the British American Bank Note Co., which made the stamps. The original die for these stamps, which is now termed Die I, gave very unsatisfactory results in the making of the plates, and the manufacturers of the stamps were greatly dissatisfied with the results of its use but, owing to the urgent need for the stamps, plates were made and printed from, while a new die was being made to take the place of the unsatisfactory one. The change has added several varieties for collectors to look for, and the subject has proved to be very interesting, as testified to by the number of communications we have received.

One letter in particular is of considerable interest, as it gives valuable information regarding the plates, while another letter answers the first, pointing out that the stamps in brown perforated 12 all around *do* exist. The list in our Chronicle of December 1st, was compiled from stamps in the reference collection of the editor (the writer) and is absolutely correct, the varieties existing as stated.

The following letter is from a responsible correspondent and throws much light on which plates were of Die I and which of Die II:

"Referring to your number of Dec. 1st (1405) on the subject of discovery of varieties as exemplified in the lately found second die of the Canadian 2c+1Tc, I may say that the study of the Georgian issue of Canada has been given my close attention since they first appeared in 1912.

"Respecting the stamp in question, Type I or Die I, as you wish, was used for plates 1 to 14, printed in a large number of shades, pink to vermilion. It was also used for the special plates made for printing the coil stamp in carmine. The use of these is not very great, so that when the color of the stamp was changed to brown the same plate was used.

"About two months before this change in color, plate 15 was put in use with Die II, this being the first plate of that type. A month later, plate 16 appeared, this was the last plate to appear in the old color, and on the stamp being made it was used for printing the brown stamps.

"Under these circumstances it is peculiar that an earlier plate would be revived to use in printing practically a new stamp.

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FRANCE.—(1405)—Mr. Kenneth McKenzie supplies the cancellation which we referred to in our issue of December 1st. It reads, in four lines: "PORTEZ VOTRE COURRIER A LA POSTE DES QU'IL EST PRET: LE DEPART EN SERA MIEUX ASSURE". Translated by Mr. McKenzie this means: "Carry your mail to the post-office as soon as it is ready: its departure will be more certain."

The cancellation "COLLER LE TIMBRE EN HAUT & A DROITE DE L'ENVELOPPE", several copies of which have been submitted recently by our readers, was duly mentioned in the WEEKLY last year. This means, literally, "Place the stamp at the top and to the left of the envelope".

GREECE. — The *Economist Bulletin* states that a new regular issue lithographed has been placed in use, values 11 to 25dr, but no details are given.

SWEDEN.—The subject of the 1910 stamps with watermarks of letters is cropping up again. This is periodical as new students enter the philatelic field, and it would be well if all catalogues would note the existence of such stamps, whether they list them or not.

Mr. E. T. Nelson writes: "I have discovered while going through a lot of Sweden 1910 issue 10 ore stamps, three bearing the watermark of 'Landstormen'. I have as yet seen no chronicle in your Chronicle of New Issues and thought you would like to know this. Neither does Scott show this in his circular."

Prof. Robert W. Gay writes: "I have just been examining a few Swedish stamps of the 1910 issue, supposedly unwatermarked. Some of these stamps show letters as a watermark, evidently letters of a word or words extending over more than one stamp. The letters 'K', 'E', 'R' have been noted, sometimes two on a stamp. Have you information as to the nature of this watermark?"

The watermark consists of the words "KUNGL. POSTVERKET" and these are supposed to fall on the margins of the sheets, but through misplacement they sometimes fall on that part of the paper where the stamps are printed.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.—(1405)—Referring to the coil stamps Mr. H. W. Wolseley writes: "Referring to your item in the WEEKLY of December 1st, 1917, entitled 'Union of South Africa', I write to say that in 1916, the ½d and 1d were issued in coils perf. 14 horizontally. I have strips of both. Whilst they are not catalogued by Scott, they are catalogued by Gibbons in the 1917 catalogue as Nos. 14 and 15. I am not sure of the date of issue, but I received my copies in June, 1916, as a new issue item."

Mr. Benj. Cadbury informs us that he received the ½d coil stamp in February, 1916.

A REAL GRASP ON THINGS.

Sending in some advertising copy this week, a certain dealer comments forcibly on the trade situation and we feel like passing on his observations. We quote from his letter as follows:—

"Who is doing all the raving about business being bad? What can be expected in war-time? The croakers should begin to realize what the country is up against in the present war. For my own part, I find business better than I expected, taking all things into consideration. One thing is certain, if a dealer is going to be a dealer he must have the stamps and he must have the stamps the collector hasn't got, or there will be no sale."

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Good bye, old friend of many years,
Good bye, old stamp, good bye.

Good bye, old stamp, the tried and true.
Your worth we'd not decry;
The two-cent stamp, we welcome you—
Good bye, old stamp, good bye.

You've oft been stood upon your head,
And had a blackened eye,
Into waste baskets thrown pell mell,
Without a tear or sigh;
Although we miss Great George, in green,
Who could not tell a lie,
In rosy hue again he's seen—
Good bye, old stamp, good bye.
—Chicago *Tribune.*

THE FATE OF MESOPOTAMIA.

(This article is quite timely and appeared in a recent issue of **Stamp Collecting.** Our Chronicle of New Issues has already given us some particulars of happenings of a stampic nature.—Ed.)

There is perhaps no other hobby known in the world which spreads a knowledge of geography among so many millions of the human race, and at the same time assists in the raising of the public revenues of a country without raising taxation on the poorest classes who can least afford to pay, as stamp collecting and the making of new postage stamps. We by no means advocate a system of uncalled for or useless surcharging, such as was at times adopted by Ceylon and some other British oversea possessions, and which is not altogether obsolete now in some of the smaller countries of the world.

Mesopotamia, a country with an area of over 55,000 square miles, has, through the valour of British soldiers, been recently freed from the blighting domination of the Turk and been brought under British administration. Its capital, Bagdad, was in ancient times under its Caliphs, a seat of rich intellectual development and knowledge, of which little trace remains. But its inhabitants are even now to be found more quick withal and, through their commercial intercourse with various nations, more progressive than any other part of Asiatic Turkey. Civil and criminal courts of a rough and ready kind have been established since the British occupation, whilst the revenue is also being carefully looked after, and will probably astonish the world now that it is freed from the peculations of Constantinople and the Turkish underlings on the spot. Surely Mesopotamia should have stamps of its own, even if those for temporary purposes were only surcharges on Indian stamps, with the date of the capture of Bagdad. This may seem a comparatively small matter and hardly worthy of notice to people in England, but it must be remembered that there are tens of thousands of Indian soldiers and labourers from every part and corner of the Indian Empire serving in Bagdad and surrounding districts. These men will be writing to their homes as often as opportunity is afforded. So will our British soldiers, and it is highly desirable, more especially in the case of Eastern races, that covers from distant Mesopotamia should bear distinguishing postage stamps as proofs of the reality of their achievements in far-off lands, rather than the ordinary Indian stamps which are seen every day and are used in India as English stamps are here, to save the cost of messengers over an area of a few miles, and often in the area of the same towns. The cost of engraving such new stamps would be a comparative trifle, and would be reimbursed to the Post Office Department in the sales probably of the first week. They should be of a distinctive nature, and if possible we would suggest that red, white and blue—distinctive colours in the national flags of the chief allies—England, France, and America—should be prominent among them.

No one can tell the ultimate fate of Mesopotamia: that remains to be decided by the Peace Congress which will sit after Germany is defeated and victory crowns, as it most certainly must, the arms of the Allies. In the meanwhile Mesopotamia is under British dominion, and we may be certain that whatever happens, it will never again be restored to the blighting rule of the Turks. They have shown that, after their possession of over thirty years, they can neither gain the sympathies of the governed or benefit the people in one single respect. They have been quite as great a curse to Mesopotamia as the Germans proved to the unfortunate Hereros in Africa, and quite as unfit to govern alien races. The world is still largely governed by sentiment, and this is especially the case with our Indian subjects. The visit of King George and Queen Mary to India, and the interest they always show in anything that concerns Indian princes and peoples, has probably done more than most people think to ensure the loyalty of the Indian Empire to our cause.

A new and striking issue of Mesopotamia postage stamps may seem to be a very unimportant matter to prosaic Britishers. It would be viewed otherwise by millions of our humble Indian subjects in the East, and would appeal to their simple imagination in a way that nothing else would, whilst perhaps a million stamp collectors all over the world would desire to add this new issue to their collections, and would thus add to the postal revenues of our recently acquired territory, proving the end of the German dream of establishing her influence in these lands adjoining our Indian Empire, where she would at any time be able to stir up trouble so long as she remained under the power of the degenerate family to whom Germans have been foolish enough to submit their destinies for so many years.

HOW ARE CATALOG PRICES FIXED?

A valued reader in the Consular service writes that it would be interesting if we could find space for some remarks as to the bases on which catalogue prices are fixed. As regards the more valuable stamps, he says, auction results seem to show that these are in some cases underpriced, while from our advertisement columns one would gather that in most cases the cheaper stamps are overpriced.

After all, as we are reminded in the Introduction to Gibbons' ubiquitous Red compendium, in the priced catalogue, which is accepted more or less as the standard of value throughout the world, the prices quoted are based upon the stock of stamps actually in the possession of the compilers. Moreover, catalogue prices are for good average copies "such as the general collector would be glad to put in his collection," *i. e.,* stamps well centred and lightly cancelled, of good colour, and not thinned. The quarter-catalogue quotations are usually for stamps off centre, heavily obliterated, thinned, or otherwise defective.

The average collector has to make the catalogue his guide, both for buying and arranging his collection; but it is only after a vast amount of experience and careful study of stamps that one is enabled to judge of the value of unpriced varieties, and know of the existence of many unlisted errors and varieties. Then there are divers other reasons for varying prices of apparently identical stamps.

For example, the 1d imperf. Bahamas, is often advertised at a certain figure without further qualification, notwithstanding the vital importance of a proper description of this issue. The unused copies on thin paper, which one may purchase at 10s each, are from the "remainder" stock, the actual originals on thick paper—not priced in this catalogue—being unattainable for less than £10.

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However, to hark back to our Consular friend's epistle, what is looked for is not only a definition of the *bases* on which catalogue prices are fixed, but an explanation as to why certain stamps are invariably to be found at rates much below catalogue quotation. Our friend cites, as examples, the high values of Transvaal K. E. Multiples, and of the Union of South Africa. In these instances, the reason will probably suggest itself to our readers, most of whom appreciate that these high values have been used extensively on parcels and for telegraphic purposes, with the ordinary postal cancellation. While dealers have been willing to dispose of these at rates considerably below catalogue, Gibbons still keeps the quotation at the level which would only be justified were there no special circumstances connected with the use of these stamps.—*Stamp Collecting.*

GRENADA COLLECTORS TROUBLED.

A collector in this Colony, who has been a valued customer of ours for some years, writes requesting us not to send him any more approval books of stamps, for the reason that he has to pay an import duty of 10% on the total value of each consignment, notwithstanding the fact that probably not more than 20% of the stamps would be purchased, no drawback or rebate being allowed on the 80% returned. Supposing the total value of the book to be £100, before our customer can obtain possession of it he has to pay £10 duty and *a penny for the entry form.* If, therefore, his purchases amount to £20, which is a liberal estimate, he would be paying a duty of not 10% but 50% on the value of his "imports." Surely a most unjust and iniquitous tax, which has not its equal, as far as our knowledge goes, anywhere else in the world, whether British Colony or Foreign Country. Such a tax cannot yield any substantial revenue and only acts in restraint of trade. Grenada shares with Gibraltar and Trinidad the unenviable distinction of being the only British Colonies where the Postal Administrations have for decades past adopted a hostile and disobliging attitude towards philatelists in general and stamp dealers in particular. Why this should be so it is difficult to understand, as the contributions of stamp dealers to the Colonial revenues by the purchase of stamps which will never be called upon to do postal duty and cannot be redeemed must amount to a considerable annual sum, compared with which the amount realized by an import duty on stamps is insignificant.—*Whitfield King's List.*

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DUC. DI PARMA, PIAC. ECC.—The inscription engraved at the top of the stamps of the 1857 issue of Parma, being an abbreviated form of "Ducati di Parma, Piacenza, eccetera". It means "Duchy of Parma, Piacenza, etc.," and refers to the two main provinces, which with certain annexed states, formed the old Italian Duchy of Parma.

DULOZ, M.—A Parisian engraver who made the clichés for the 1865 stamps of Turkey. They are said to have been made "by a new process, by which cliches in relief were made from dies engraved in recess".

DUMOULIN, LOUIS-JULES.—A French artist born in Paris in 1860. He was responsible for the designs adopted for the stamps of Tunis in 1906.

DUMONT.—A Parisian engraver who engraved the dies for the 1881 stamps of Serbia.

DUPUIS, D.—This name, in microscopic capitals, is shown at the base of the design, on the left, of the stamps issued in 1885 in the Principaliity of Monaco. M. Dupuis was responsible for the design of these stamps, the die for which was engraved in Paris, by M. E. Mouchon.

DURO, A. F.—Senor A. F. Duro was the author of a work entitled "Resena Historico Descriptiva de los sellos de Correo de Espana" (Historical Descriptive review of the Spanish Post Office), a work which was considered of such general utility that the postal authorities allowed Senor Duro to issue a special stamp for the purpose of franking it.

DUPUY & SCHENCK.—The proprietors of a "penny post" operating in the United States in 1846, in connection with which special stamps were issued.

DURAZZO.—A seaport and vilayet of Scutari on the west coast of Turkey. It is a town of considerable antiquity, having been founded in 621 B. C. by the Corinthians and Corcyræans under the name of Epidamnos. The quarrelsome nature of its colonists was the occasion of the Peloponnesian war, and it was the scene of the long struggle between Cæsar and Pompey (48 B. C.). In the 4th century, the Romans changed its name to Dyrrhachium and this town and Brundusium, on the opposite coast of Italy, were the Dover and Calais in the communication between Rome and the Orient. In 1273, it was totally destroyed by an earthquake. Since 1501, it has belonged to Turkey. It has a present population of about 5,000. Since 1909, the stamps used at the Italian Consular post-office established at this port have been overprinted with the name "Durazzo" and values in Turkish currency.

DURHEIM.—A printer of Berne, Switzerland, who lithographed the 1850-52 stamps issued under the Federal Administration.

DUTCH INDIES.—The general name given to the Dutch possessions in the East Indies. These are of considerable extent and comprise the whole of the Sunda Islands, with the exception of a small portion of Borneo and Eastern Timor, together with western New Guinea. They have a total area of 738,000 square miles and a population of about 35½ millions. Since the dissolution of the Dutch East India Company in 1798, these possessions have been administered from Holland by a Governor-General and Council of five (nominated by the Queen) according to the regulations for the government of Netherlands India adopted in 1854. Some of the "outlying" islands are governed by their own Princes, subject to the direction of a Dutch Resident. Postage stamps for the Dutch Indies were first issued in 1864.

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E.—An overprint found upon certain of the early stamps of South Australia used upon the correspondence from the department of the Engineer-in-chief. These special stamps were superseded in 1874 by the general official series upon which the letters "O. S." were overprinted.

II. In 1908 some of the then current stamps of Bavaria appeared with an overprint consisting of a large "E" signifying "Eisenbahn" (Railway). These stamps were intended for the use of railway officials.

EAGLE.—A double-headed eagle with numerals in the upper or lower corners, and without any inscriptions, forms the design of all the stamps of Bosnia issued prior to 1906.

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EASTERN ROUMELIA.—The province of Eastern Roumelia, or Southern Bulgaria as it is more generally called nowadays, is a portion of the Principality of Bulgaria, having an area of 13,862 square miles, and a population of about one million. It was created by the Treaty of Berlin and was intended to be an autonomous province under the suzerainty of Turkey. Since the successful revolution at the capital, Philippolis, on September 18th, 1885, however, it has been incorporated with the principality under the name of Southern Bulgaria. This arrangement was recognized by the Turks in 1886, when the present Czar (then Prince) of Bulgaria was also appointed "Governor-General of Eastern Roumelia". The first stamps appeared on January 19th, 1881, and consisted of various Turkish stamps overprinted "R O". Later a special set was issued and on September 22nd, 1885, these were superseded by the stamps for Southern Bulgaria, which in turn (1886) gave place to the general issue for the whole of united Bulgaria.

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EGYPTIENNES.—The local name for Egypt or Egyptian as shown upon all the postage stamps of that country issued from 1879 until 1914.

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(To be continued.)

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By SENEX.

Some of the "long" stamps of South Australia 1906-1913, have gone up marvelously, but doubtless the difficulty of meeting with really fine copies has influenced the pricing, and any of these stamps in perfect used condition should be regarded as exceptionally good things to possess.

The 5s Kangaroo is another stamp not easy to get, with a light postmark—so far as my own experience goes: I have only seen perhaps 18 copies. A fairy-like and spidery postmark on this stamp enhances its value a good deal. Copies of this stamp, together with the 9d and the 2s values, with the earlier watermarks, should be worth attention. These earlier watermarks gradually slip out of ken, the majority that now arrive possessing watermarks of a later type.

I should think the 2d New Zealand official, 1907, although cheaper, is scarcer than the 3d. The 3d is more frequently listed than the 2d.

I observe that, in one list, the 4d New Zealand, 1910, yellow or orange, is dearer in quantity than the 8d. The 8d seems to be coming down, perhaps only temporarily, but the 4d is apparently going up. I think, however, I should prefer the 8d in the long run.

The 1 dollar, U. S. A., 1912, is slightly cheaper in its market price; probably there has been some accumulation.

It is difficult to fix on a price for the 4c British Guiana, 1905, since for two editions the catalogue has been silent. Silence sometimes precedes a rise, and the future price of this stamp may prove to be a surprise.

The 2s 6d current Nigeria with a violet cancellation seems easy to get, but such stamps of this colony as bear a black cancellation seem most in favour.

The current 2s Gold Coast sells at sight, almost, but is not plentiful; the current 2s Sierra Leone seems much more in evidence. Collectors everywhere seem to be on the lookout for these higher value Georgians, and such minor items as the current 2½d Turks' Islands, 2½d St. Vincent, and 4d Gambia, are quickly snapped up.

Of Northern Nigeria, 1912, the 5d, 6d, and 9d stamps do not seem so plentiful as the shilling value. In previous issues the 5d has always been one of the slowest values to arrive.

Shilling values of some of the smaller Colonies seem to accumulate more rapidly than some of the 2½d, 4d, and 5d values; doubtless, blank spaces, in many albums, witness to the absence of the various 2½d Nigerian stamps the 5d Trinidad, 5d and 7d Sierra Leone, and similar elusive sorts.

Of Zanzibar, 1908, the 10c is scarce; the 15c, which has gone up to 9d, is a much easier stamp to meet with, and the 10c should be worth all the seller cares to ask for it—in reason. Perhaps the same remark applies to the 10c, B. E. Africa, 1907, an item which is quickly disappearing. This latter stamp can be got in sets, but the number of sets available seems much more limited than was the case a year ago.

The 20-on-30c Hong Kong, 1891, has been for a long time a familiar article of commerce at a certain price, but the figure for such few stamps as now remain will soon have to be doubled.

The current 4d black Malta, is a new stamp for approval sheets, but cannot be sold cheaply, neither can the current 5d; and the 4½d yellow, also commands its price. The current 6d and 1s Malta (and the 6d and 1s Gibraltar) are also stamps that fetch a good price. Another group of stamps that are generally dear to buy are the piastre values of Cyprus, 1904 or 1912.

Sometimes local collectors will buy Colonial surcharges, in mint condition, on the chance of their becoming rare; if high prices, however, do not obtain within the first few years they part with the stamps. A remark dropped by a correspondent leads me to think that this may happen, in the case of the various 1d-on-2d surcharges on recent issues of Victoria, Tasmania, and Western Australia.

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End—Now comes the season for a recapitulatory view of the closing year and the inevitable forecast for the next twelve months. In our salad-days, we always welcomed the opportunity to enlarge upon the "retrospect" and "anticipation" themes, but we do not yield to these promptings so freely nowadays. A few words may take the place of many paragraphs and it is sufficient to say that notwithstanding distractions of gravest kind and unprecedented world conditions, philately emerges triumphantly on all counts. We confidently believe that stamp collecting has proved itself a real benefactor to many during the trying days of the closing year. It has been a soothing agency to resort to for a change of the current of thought and it has brightened many hours that otherwise would have been depressing, indeed. As a mental palliative, philately has revealed a strength that places it in the front rank of easing pursuits. What the future has to reveal none may say with certainty. Those who are in a position to appreciate how deeply the affection for stamps is rooted in the breasts of thousands, know that no strain imposed by stress and strife can eradicate the thought of stamps from the minds of true philatelists.

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Certain—Philatelists may face the future unafraid. The attractions of collecting are not ephemeral to a large percentage of present-day enthusiasts. We speak advisedly and our information is based upon a mass of detail which when correlated carries the case. A gentleman of financial standing writes: "It is wonderful how stamps more than hold their own when my other securities are slashed mercilessly." In the *Philatelic Gazette,* Mr. Henry C. Needham is writing a history of the local posts and their stamps of the United States. For years, Mr. Needham has been gathering data for his great task which he is discharging in a manner to evoke warmest praise. The time he has spent (and money, too) in perfecting his records is a tribute to his belief in philately. We refer to this instance to show that there is sound substance in philately or else acute men of "world minds" would not waste their time on stamps. Some years ago the age of evanescence in philately gave way to a permanent condition.

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Fastidious—The watermark has been the cause of much vexation, first and last, because of the difficulty at times of detecting it. A clear marking of the kind is regarded as an advantage in stamp appraisal and its easy visibility is rated as a virtue. We are all wrong, however, and a collector has thrown a monkey-wrench into the works. He was heard to complainingly reject one of the new British colonials because, he said, the watermark was so plainly and deeply impressed that it showed a dark outline on the face of the stamp. The thinner paper of the watermark gave a slightly darkened suggestion to that part of the face of the stamp.

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Idea—When we are considering the unusual in collecting, we must file the chap whose collection was 5,000, years ago, 5,000, to-day, and will be 5,000, in years to come. "No more, no less," says he. Let him speak out: "When I began to collect, it was not long before I had a good many thousands of stamps and as my pleasure from my albums did not seem to be in ratio with the number of stamps that I acquired, I decided on an innovation. I scaled down my stamps until they numbered just five thousand. Naturally, I kept the stamps that were the most interesting to me for different reasons, in that number. I decided that I should limit my collecting range to five thousand stamps and now when I place new stamps in my book, I take out as many. I dispose of the rejected specimens in different ways and so far as choiceness and value of my stamps are concerned, they are becoming more apparent as my collection is cultivated. This notion suits me at least, but do not quote me as recommending it for others."

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Strange—The chair is now given to Mr. F. L. Belanger, the Summit, Willoughby, Vermont, for he, too, has a curious tale to tell: "My little daughter happened to be in my railroad telegraph office when one of the freight conductors came in. He conducts a premium mail-order business as a side line and has quite a bit of foreign correspondence and I asked him to save the stamps for my little girl. He said that he had been giving them to a mission house and that after he had sent a number of packages he asked what good the stamps were to them. The reply was to the effect that they stuck all those not torn on a sheet, photographed them, had a half-tone made and printed wall-paper from the half-tone! They add that there is a great demand for this wall-paper and that the proceeds from its sale go to the mission. I have never happened to see any of this wonderful wall-paper and I want to know if any of your readers have. In fact, I never saw any wall-paper printed from half-tones. What kind of story would this mission fellow tell if he caught a fish, say six inches long?"

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Candid—"I have a confession to make" says a subscriber, "and when I unburden myself I shall feel relieved. I have been collecting stamps on original covers for some years and the earlier issues of the United States are my especial prey. Most of these stamps are on the folded letter itself as they were used before the time of envelopes. One of the reasons and a dominating one for my interest in covers is that I like to read the old letters. In fact, I have a lot of pre-stamp letters that I keep as much for the letters as for the old postal markings. Three-quarters of a century ago, letter-writing was something of an art and a task not to be engaged in lightly and some wonderful epistles have met my eye. My curiosity is not a morbid one, I know, but it is based upon a desire to feel the pulse of the 'thirty' and 'forty' decades of the last century as much as any appetite for sensationalism. One of my stampless covers, for instance, is postmarked, Covington, Ky., and addressed to Delaware, Ohio. It is dated 'Banks of the Licking,' and begins: 'Let me tell you I have broken bounds to-day, fairly escaped from my torments and their prison chamber for a ride to this old and lovely spot. I am about three miles south of 'La Belle Riviere' as the French poetically name the Ohio, on the west bank of the lovely Licking. Am seated on the corpse of an old fallen forest giant beneath the broad-spreading boughs of its living companion, with paper, ink-horn and feather.' The old writer speaks of Simon Kenton, the whistle of the steam-boat, 'how the railroad follows on the trail of the buffalo,' and other subjects that for me have a bit of romantic interest. A certainty it is that I sometimes pay the price as much for the letter as for the stamp, when it happens to be a stamped missive."

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Let dealers stock the stamps in specialized form and keep them before their customers, and send out as many as possible to collectors in foreign countries.

A collection of the current issue would be a very interesting one, for in addition to the regular adhesive letter postage, there are the envelopes, the parcel post tax stamps, the various revenues and the thrift stamps.

There is almost no limit to the amount that could be spent on such a collection, especially if the revenue stamps in unused condition are included, running as they do in values up to $1,000 for a single stamp.

A great many collectors, of course, are already doing this very thing, but there are many who collect only used stamps who perhaps have not thought of making an exception in the case of the present issue in order to help out in the crisis that now confronts the country. Others, who only collect single specimens, might be induced to specialize to some extent in this particular issue.

It is a good subject to bring up for discussion at the stamp club, and exhibitions might be held by the clubs and prizes offered for the best collections of these stamps.

The plan might also be used in propaganda work, for people who are not otherwise interested in philately might be induced to make such a collection through patriotic motives.

To go even farther, the stamps of the countries who are our allies in the war might also be included, in unused condition.

But if you do nothing else, at least get the current set of United States stamps in unused condition. You have nothing to lose through getting the letter postage stamps in this form, as they will always be worth their face value, at least.

A SONG OF SERVICE.

It was during that hour before dawn, when the spiritual quickens all material things with understanding, that I was awakened by a clamor of small voices.

They seemed to come from the pages of my old National Album, lying on a table beside my bed, and I became certain of it, when one voice, raised above the others, protested as follows:—

"Surely no one can claim a greater honor than to be an old Provisional Issue, as I am. My two brothers and I are the only ones of our kind in existence. We—"

"Oh! That's all very well," broke in five voices together, "but we think it more honorable to bear witness of the fact, that not so long ago, a struggling nation bought half a continent. We're proud to be members of the Louisiana Purchase set."

"But think what we represent," chorused the Columbians, "the discovery of a new world!"

"Yes, but whose lot is sweeter than mine? I who bring to your mind the picture of a 'Great Loving Heart'," inquired the Lincoln Memorial Stamp.

And so the medley continued. Each one proclaiming his greatness, the why and the wherefore of his creation.

My attention, however, was soon attracted by the persistency of a wee small voice, testifying:—

"I am nothing but a common used two-cent stamp, and there are millions of others just like me. Indeed, I'm very lucky to be here at all, because I've nothing to boast of. The only thing I can say for myself is that I've just fulfilled my mission in life, that's all."

The voices blended into silence, and as I dozed again, the truth of it all came to me. That the one great and rewardable theme of life, the "sesame" to Eternity, was simply to fulfill our mission in life.

THE 5 CENTS "CONNELL."

It was in December, 1858, that the Executive Council of New Brunswick directed the Postmaster-General to obtain postage stamps, with denominations expressed in the decimal currency of dollars and cents, then gradually superseding the older currency of shillings and pence in the British possessions at the other side of the "pond."

Mr. Charles Connell then had charge of the Post Office; and he, greatly daring, conceived the idea of portraying his own features on one of the stamps—the Five Cents.

So soon as authority was sought, in May, 1860, to issue the new stamps, the Council, noticing of course that one of them did not bear a portrait of Queen Victoria, raised strong objections to this particular stamp being circulated.

During May and June of 1860, a lengthy and interesting correspondence, by letter and telegram, took place between the Council and their P. M. G. with reference to the latter's action; and ultimately the offending stamp was withdrawn, its originator resigning office at the same time.

The "Gibbons'" catalogue lists the stamp without comment—incidentally pricing it at £35 unused—but some authorities consider that it was never issued, whilst others maintain that it was in use during a very few days. The late Mr. A. A. Bartlett asserted, on the authority of colleagues of Mr. Connell, that it was in use. So far as we are concerned, we have never seen or heard of a copy which has undoubtedly done postal service.

The plate consisted of one hundred impressions, arranged in ten rows of ten each, and 5,000 sheets were printed at a cost of £31 15s, the plate itself costing £25. Evidently, judging from the rarity of the stamp, practically the whole of the edition was destroyed.

The colour of the "Connell" is vandyke-brown, the paper being white and the perforation gauging 12.

Imperforate copies exist, and may be regarded as proofs in colour.

So early as 1865, collectors were warned against counterfeits produced by a photographic process, which reproduced almost the exact colour of the stamp; but these, in the unlikely event of any being offered, should be easily distinguishable by reason of their smoothness and flat appearance—the genuine article being printed from a recess-plate, and therefore shewing the design very slightly raised.

Beyond this old "weed", we have neither seen nor heard of any forgery of this rare stamp; but collectors should beware of colour-trials which, when possessing sufficient margins, have been fraudulently perforated.

It should not be difficult to detect these frauds. The genuine stamp is on paper similar to that used for the other values and the colour is, as we have stated, a vandyke-brown; but the colour trials are in varying shades and tones of brown, from a comparatively pale tint to a blackish brown, and none of them is, we believe, exactly similar in colour to the real stamp. The paper, also, of the colour-trials is thinner, sometimes very thin, and the print not infrequently shews through to the back.

The collector, bearing in mind these two tests—especially that of the paper, which is the easier one—should be able to avoid acquiring a perforated colour-trial, in the belief that it is a genuine "Connell."—*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*

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We notice that many of our chronicles are being reprinted in other, especially English, journals, without due credit being given to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, and subsequently printed by other journals, which give credit to the journal which lifted from our Chronicle. We expect our contemporaries to be more honorable after reading this, because we give full credit to every journal from which we lift our news, with the expectation that they will return the courtesy.

We must advise our readers that the Editor of the New Issue Chronicle is not conducting an information bureau. We cannot pass upon the genuineness of stamps, separate issues, tell what stamps are worth, give addresses of correspondents, and the like, as part of the business of editing and compiling this Chronicle. It is recommended that such questions be submitted to dealers, who give their time and services for a small fee, or if stamps are submitted to this department for opinion or classification, patrons should accompany their sendings with 5c for each stamp submitted, with a minimum fee of 25c. This does not refer to any new issue which has not been chronicled herein.

This Chronicle covers the new postage stamp issues, including envelopes and postal cards, of all countries; advertising cancellations and commemorative ditto of all countries; United States revenue stamps; including all varieties, postal information, quantities issued, plate numbers; where possible. We cannot undertake the chronicling of revenue stamps of other countries, nor the listing of telegraph stamps, excepting when they have some bearing on the postal issues. Please keep these facts in mind when writing to us.

UNITED STATES.—(1405)—Several inquiries have reached us as to the plate numbers of the 30c unwatermarked perforated 10. It seems to us that these inquiries are put for the purpose of assisting collectors in the locating of the stamps at the post offices throughout the country. The inquirers request that the information be presented in the WEEKLY. Plate number collectors should have no difficulty in locating the plate numbers in their lists, because it is evident that the original series of four plates for the 30c stamps, which were originally issued in 1914, watermarked perforated 12, were still current at the Bureau in March of 1917, no other plates of the 30c stamps having up to that time been used, therefore, one plate number as well as another will locate any of the recent watermarked, unwatermarked or changed perforation varieties.

Mr. Nathan Cobe has shown us a specimen of the current 2c envelope stamp in which the word "POSTAGE" is minus the letter "T". Mr. Clarence P. DeKay shows us a variety of the 1c oval envelope stamp in which the word "UNITED" is minus the letter "U". These are interesting varieties.

(Confederate States)—The Albermarle Stamp Collector states that a Confederate Provisional used at Hallettsville, Texas, August 21, 1863, has been discovered recently on a letter in the Land Office of the State of Texas at Austin. The stamp was used for 10c postage and was made from a handstamped impression of the Hallettsville postmark with "10—Paid" in the middle, instead of a date, on blue paper, cut to shape and used as an adhesive. The stamp is pencancelled on a folded letter dated August 11, 1863, and addressed to Stephen Crosby, Comp. of Gen'l Land Office, Austin, Texas.

BOLIVIA.—(1407)—The Harbor Stamp Co. advise of the receipt of a used copy of the new 2c stamp mailed at Oruro, October 12th. Our original chronicle of the stamp placed the date of issue at La Paz as November 8th.

CANADA.—(1408)—Mrs. E W. Oughtred sends us very valuable information regarding the 3c red and 3c brown (1Tc) plate numbers, and we certainly are grateful for the information and extend many thanks to our kind informant. Mrs. Oughtred writes:

"I have, I believe, 3cts red and 3cts brown (1Tc) plate numbers *complete* in my collection. Plates Nos. A1 to A14, inclusive, of the 2c+1Tc red are Die I. Plates Nos. A15 and A16 2c+1Tc red are Die II. Plates Nos. A1 and A2 2c+1Tc brown are Die I. Plates Nos. A15 to A46, inclusive, 2c+1Tc brown are Die II. I have both dies in the brown coils, but I think only Die I in red coils. The compound perf. (12x8) 2c+1Tc red was only from plates Nos. A1 and A2, I believe. If that is so, only Die I would occur with compound perf. I think I have not got any red coils Die II, unless among used copies and I haven't had time to look over them. I am afraid I'm rather late with this information."

To the last sentence we must remark it is never too late to supply reliable information.

COLOMBIA, REPUBLIC OF.—(1380)—We have seen the new stamps which are just beginning to arrive on mail from this country, and have also seen the entire series. The colors are as given in our Chronicle for June 9th. In submitting some of the new stamps Mr. Dunning points out that the list in the supplement to the Standard Catalogue is not quite correct as to the colors, the 4c postage being violet instead of orange and the 4c AR being brown instead of carmine. We note our own list, (June 9th), gives the 1c postage as yellow; we find this is yellow-bistre.

FRANCE.—(1407)—The 2c+3c and 35c+25c Charity stamps chronicled in our issue of December 15th, were issued on October 27th, according to Mr. Franz Reichenheim in the *London Philatelist*.

GOLD COAST.—According to the *Postage Stamp, El Eco Postal* reports, on the authority of a contemporary, the 6d King Edward (1908) with error "GOLD GOAST" in the duty plate.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(1407)—The *West-End Philatelist* publishes the following:

"There are many minor but interesting varieties now occurring in the current stamps of our own country and wide variations in shade of the penny denomination have been apparent to most. Differences in printing on both the half-penny and penny denominations are so noticeable as to give credence to the theory that two dies are now in use."

HAYTI.—(1400-1403)—We have an interesting letter from Mr. A. W. Dunning who informs us that he has several Haytian stamps with the "GL. O. Z." overprint which are not listed by the Standard Catalogue, in addition to those mentioned in our Chronicles of September 15th and October 27th, and also states that he has several of these 1914 Provisionals in pairs, one stamp without overprint, similar to the one we mentioned upon the word of Major Bishop in our Chronicle of November 17th (By the way, we mentioned No. 504 with this overprint as being unlisted, in the November 17th chronicle, and believe this should have been No. 501).

Under the circumstances, as Mr. Dunning writes that he has used copies of the unlisted stamps, we deem it to be necessary to give a revised list of the entire issue or issues, as the Standard Catalogue in the supplement to the 1917 edition deletes some of the varieties, while Mr. Dunning has the proof of their existence. In the following list, the numbers following the stamps refer to the Standard Catalogue numbers of the stamps which were overprinted, while an asterisk (*) indicates that the stamp or variety is not listed in the catalogue.

1914 GL. O. Z. Provisionals.

On 1891 issue, 1c purple (26)*
On 1896 issue, 1c light blue (38)*
On 1898-99 issue, 1c ultramarine (52)*
  2c orange (53)*
  7c gray (57)*
  8c carmine (58)
On 1899 issue, 1c yellow-green (64)*
  2c carmine-lake (65)*
  5c pale blue (66)*
On 1904 issue, 1c green (96)
    a. pair, one without surch.*
  2c carmine (97)
    a. pair, one without surch.*
  5c dark blue (98)
    a. pair, one without surch.*
  10c orange-brown (99)
  20c orange (100)
  50c claret (101)
    a. pair, one without surch.*
On 1906 Prov., 2c on 50c claret (109)*
On 1906 issue, 1c de p green (125)
    a. pair, one without surch.
  2c de p vermilion (126)
  3c de p brown (127)
  4c de p carmine-lake (128)
  5c de p dark blue (129)*
  7c de p gray (130)
  8c de p carmine-rose (131)
  10c de p orange-red (132)
  15c de p slate-green (133)
    a. inverted surcharge*
    b. as a., pair, one no surch.*
  20c de p blue-green (134)
  50c de p red (135)
  1p claret (136)
  1c de g blue (137)*
  3c de g slate (139)
    a. pair, one without surch.*
On 1907 Prov. issue, 1c on 5c dark blue (143)*
  2c on 10c orange-brown (145)*
  2c on 20c orange (149)*
On 1910-11 issue, 3c de p orange (156)
  20c de p yell.-gr. & blk. (158)
  1c de g lake & blk. (159)*
  2c de g lemon (160)
On 1912-13 issue, 1c de g carmine-lake (161)
  2c de g orange (162)
  4c de p light olive-green (166)
  5c de p deep blue (167)
  7c de p orange-red (168)
  8c de p olive green (169)
  10c de p red-brown (170)
  15c de p yellow (171)
  50c de p yellow (172)
  1p red (173)

(1402)—In our Chronicle for November 10th, 1917, we listed a new provisional 2c (gold) stamp for this country, stating that it was made by surcharging a rectangular frame contianing a large "2" in the center and the letters "O P" in the upper corners on the 1pi stamp of 1906. We have never seen this stamp and do not know that it was issued. Mr. Bert E. Cobb, manager of the Harbor Stamp Co., advises us of the receipt of a provisional 2c stamp similar to the one listed on November 10th, 1917, but with the letters "S D" instead of "O P" in the upper corners of the surcharge; this being received on a letter from Port au Prince under date of November 3rd.

Advertising Chat

—The B. H. Fehlig Co. announces that the firm is somewhat delayed in issuing the first number of the contemplated house organ. The delay was unavoidable and all requests for sample copies will be honored as soon as possible.

—J. C. Astwood, manager of the Beaver Stamp Co., is in the service. At present he is in the barracks at Winnipeg, Man.

—The George W. Linn Co., Columbus, O., has taken a new office in the Huntington Bank Building, one of the largest and finest office buildings in the city, directly opposite the state capitol building.

—W. M. Lester, Berkeley, Cal., calls our attention to a matter that is deserving of some publicity. Nearly a year ago he sent two rare stamps with the money necessary for repairing the same to a Massachusetts dealer who makes a specialty of this work. Mr. Lester writes:—"So far I have been unable to get back either stamps or money and I even offered to let him keep the stamps if he would return the money advanced." This is shabby treatment, but the moral is plain, "Do your own repairing."

—A novel idea. A. J. Bickel of Goshen, Ind., has prepared a card upon which are listed five bargain offers, and these are sent out in connection with correspondence. There is a time limit on the offers and we can see wherein the idea is a good one. It is a kind of follow up on advertising that is bound to bring results.

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a. imperf. vertically.

ITALY.—(1381)—Dr. Emilio Diena sends copies of the 20c stamp printed on paper with a crown watermark to each stamp, to the *Postage Stamp*. The 20c chronicled by us on June 16th, 1917, was unwatermarked; this is Scott's No. 111.

Adhesive.

Wmkd. a Crown.
20c dull orange.

ITALY.—The *Albermarle Stamp Collector* publishes the following:

"No. 75 of the same paper *(Il Bollettino Filatelico)* records a sensational discovery regarding a common Italian stamp. Heretofore it has been an axiom that all Italian stamps since the De la Rue prints of 1863 have been perforated solely and only 14, with the exception of certain special issues of unusual size and of the three 15 centesimi stamps printed by the Officina Calcografica Italiana. Comes now Signor L. S. Mazza and reports to an astounded world that among a large lot of Italian stamps sorted out by him, he finds a copy of the 20 centesimi orange-yellow of 1879, perforated 11½! He could hardly believe his eyes, but there was no getting away from it. The copy was perfect, clean and well-centered, with the dimensions and margins of the normal stamps, so that there could be no question of a re-perforation or any such trick; the cancellation reads 'Milano'. The proud discoverer, unwilling to trust the evidence of his eyes, submitted the specimen to all the expert friends he could muster; all had to admit, after examining it from all points of view, that it was indubitably genuine, in spite of the fact that nobody had ever even heard of such a perforation. So far no one has any explanation to offer except that possibly one row or an entire sheet might have remained imperforate accidently and been perforated privately to remedy the defect. It is quite certain that this stamp cannot be the only one of the kind; at least a row, if not a sheet, must have been perforated in this manner. Doubtless there will now be a grand perforation hunt in Italy and possibly other freaks may be forthcoming. It is apparent that even the most ordinary and commonplace stamps may bring forth surprises if one looks carefully."

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Does Mr. Roessler mean that the Government Printing Office at Kingstown only acknowledges the overprinting of 9,000 of the entire issue, according to his figures, of 36,000? We rise to honorable enquire, as Matsumuro Musho would say!

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.—(1398)—The *West-End Philatelist* publishes the following:

"Our publishers have shown us examples of the 1d and 3d 'WAR TAX' series both distinctly doubly overprinted. It would seem that only part of a sheet of the lower denomination exists thus, whilst a pane of 3d value was found. On the latter stamp the 'double' is most distinct."

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"Both the ½d and 1d of 1913 were issued in coils perf. horizontally. I have both jointed and ordinary pairs purchased of . . . . . I think they were issued in 1914."

NEWS GLEANINGS.

Under this heading we desire to publish all the news from the various philatelic centers. Correspondents' names will be given unless prohibited as we desire to give full credit for services rendered.

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THE "TOBAGO GREEN."

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"You can never tell what's in a man," my old tutor used to say, "until it comes out." I'm thinking of Turner.

Last Monday he took me mysteriously aside.

"Would you care to do me a great favor?" he asked.

"Only too delighted," I replied, with a sinking heart.

"The fact is," he began hesitatingly, "I want to raise some . . ."

"So do I," I interrupted.

He shook his head and smiled.

"I have some valuables of no use to me," he explained. "Would you mind helping me to dispose of them?"

I breathed more freely.

"With pleasure," said I, "if you need my aid."

He took out a green postage stamp! It was unused; bore Queen Victoria's head; was issued at Tobago; and of the face value of twopence-halfpenny.

I was annoyed at the joke.

"Take it to Cook's," I suggested.

He laughed, and handed me a cutting from the *Philatelic Times*. I read as follows:—"A 'Tobago Green' was sold at Christie's yesterday for £53. There are only three known specimens in existence."

"And this makes the fourth," he enlightened me. "My late father-in-law was a doctor in Trinidad, and I found it among some old papers of his."

Upon looking closer at it I discovered that "twopence" was mispelt "toopence." And there were men walking about in our midst, apparently, who were willing to pay £52 19s. 9½d. for the mistake!

"What I wanted to ask you," went on Turner coaxingly, "was whether you could possibly manage to take it to Jumbo's, in the Strand, at one o'clock tomorrow, and sell it for what he will give. Of course, I wouldn't trouble you, only I have to go to Manchester first thing in the morning."

I couldn't help laughing at the inadequacy of the excuse.

I was there. The sight of my tiny stock-in-trade caused something like a sensation. Old Jumbo himself came out with a microscope, and was quite friendly. He proposed that I should leave it in his charge for a day or two, when he would make me an offer. I thanked him for his kindness, which I told him I wouldn't forget to mention to Sharples & Marx over the way. The mention of his great rivals brought him to his knees. In the end I left the place, richer by some crisp Bank of England notes.

When I came down in the morning I was gratified to find that I had helped to make history, for in my "Daily Miracle" I came across the following interesting item:—

"Mr. Jumbo, the well-known stamp dealer, has just purchased a 'Tobago Green,' of which there are only three other copies known to be in existence."

But I was startled when in the provincial column of the same paper I lighted on:—

"A splendid copy of the rare 'Tobago Green' turned up in Manchester to-day."

And I began to feel fairly creepy when I read in a rival organ, which I picked up in the train:—

"Messrs. Sharples & Marx have just acquired a 'Tobago Green' in a fine state of preservation. It is believed to be the only one in London."

Was I dreaming, or was it raining "Tobago Greens"? That was the question I all but flung at Turner, as soon as ever I could set foot in his office.

He seemed the least bit embarrassed.

"The fact is, my dear fellow, I went to Manchester to sell a 'Tobago Green'."

"The deuce you did!"

"Mary went to Brighton to sell a 'Tobago Green'."

"What th—" I stammered.

"George went to Birmingham—to sell a 'Tobago Green'." He eyed me quizzingly. "In short," he beamed, "thanks to you and one or two others of our good friends, we sold ten 'Tobago Greens' yesterday."

"Have no fear," he smiled reassuringly, "they're genuine enough. Only I didn't find *one* 'Tobago Green' but a dozen."

A light began to dawn on me.

"But why all this mystery and bother? Why didn't you take them to a dealer in the ordinary way?"

"Well, you *are* dense," said he. "Don't you see?"

Then I saw.

"You can have the other two for ten pounds apiece, if you like," he added.

"No, thanks," I cried hastily.

"Well," he said, "we're getting up a little commemorative festival for tomorrow night. You'll make one?"

And I did.—*London Opinion.*

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letter, such as we receive from sore-head dealers who haven't the goods we offer; being a dastardly attempt to slur us and interfere with our business:

"If you will take the advice of an old time dealer and care to receive the same in the friendly spirit that it is sent to you, I should like to go on record in saying that you are doing yourself a great deal of harm and also creating a considerable amount of adverse comment from others by your advertisements in MEKEEL'S, especially on page 347 which is in front of me.

"Take for instance the 2c imperf. vertical coil of which you offer a line strip of four for $2. You know perfectly well that this strip can easily be made from the unperforated sheet and also that the plate number paste-up could easilly be manufactured some way and could never be told and the same applies, of course, to the 4c of 1908. That you have the coils there is no doubt and also that they are of no use to stamp collectors, there is no doubt, as the same thing can be bought in unperforated sheets and I think it is up to you to say so in your ads.

"The 30c unwatermarked that you still continue to advertise, of course, has been exploded. I know considerable about your dealings with another party not far from Philadelphia, and I should think that the best thing to do if you wish to sell these stamps unwatermarked, is certainly not to advertise them after they have been pretty well condemned.

"I have nothing to say about the 2c, 1908, re-issue, perf. 11, except that we have sold many blocks of four here at $2 a block and many single copies at 50c.

"Do not think that I am trying to knock your business as I am not, only, being perhaps the largest specialist of Twentieth Century United States Stamps in the World, I hate to see Collectors led down the wrong path."

It will be seen that the "old time dealer" did not show the "friendly spirit" that he woofed of, while the only "adverse comment" that we know of comes from our contemporary dealers.

The 2c imperforate vertically coiled stamps were so issued by the United States Government, and we understand that collectors want **all** Government issues. We guarantee them accordingly, and our sales have been quite large and satisfactory. Collectors had better beware of the man who claims to be the "largest specialist of Twentieth Century United States Stamps in the World" if he suggests the collecting of the imperforate sheet stamps cut up to represent coils. **Ours are coils** and we advocate their collection as Government issues. The sore-head probably passed these by in years gone by, and now he excuses himself by saying, we suggest, "They're legitimate Government issues all right, but who wants them when they can be so easily imitated." But who wants the imitation? And we all want the real thing as long as they are representative of the Post Office issues.

As for the 30c unwatermarked perforated 10, the writer of the above quoted letter is ready to believe anything that is told him about these stamps, especially if he can, like the others who criticize them, thereby establish a fact that they were never issued. He speaks about them being "exploded" and "condemned" while the makers of the United States stamps have stated that they made them. A history of these stamps is soon to appear, and everybody can use his own judgment, without considering the opinions of would-be expertizers.

And as for the 2c, 1908, re-issue, perf. 11, we don't care what the dealers sold these for, our prices are based on our own supply, and we know that they are not being sold now at 50c each.

The dealer who indited the above quoted letter should have had better sense, if he is the "largest specialist" which he claims to be, than to show that he is trying to interfere with our smaller business, a business which has no cause to be envious of any large dealer.

The slur about our dealings with "another party" is a "bootleg" paragraph—it is not necessary for us to state that we know nothing about what the author of the paragraph attempts to infer.

We sell only Government issues and we guarantee them. We do not misrepresent any stamps we sell, nor do we urge anybody to buy anything they don't want. We sell what the collector wants. Our Guarantee is our bond, and our honor is in back of our goods. We trade under our own good name, and do not rely upon any other to fortify us. Our judgment is sound and collectors have come to rely upon it. Courtesy is our by-word, we extend it to all, whether one purchases 5c worth or $500 worth. We give fair treatment to everyone, and expect it in return. With these principles, our business is rapidly growing.

Can we help you in the growth of your collection? Our prices are right. You need the following to help complete your collection:

U. S. 1908, 4c IMPERF. VERTICAL COIL.

Pair	.25	Strip of four	.50
Line strip of four	1.00	Paste-up strip of four	1.00

U. S. 1908, 13c BLUE-GREEN ON BLUISH PAPER, No. 331a.

Single	$35.00	Block of four	$125.00

U. S. 1912, 2c IMPERF. VERTICAL COIL.

Pair, 50c; Strip of four	$1.00	Line strip of four	$2.00
Set of seven paste-up plate number strips of four			$25.00

U. S. 1916, 30c UNWATERMARKED PERFORATED 10.

Single, $25.00; Block of four, $100.00; Marginal block of four $150.00

U. S. 1917, 2c TYPE OF 1908 PERFORATED 11.

Single	$5.00	Block of four	$20.00

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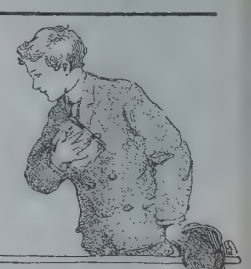


ST. NICHOLAS extends to all stamp dealers its best wishes for a

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